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RECORDS GALORE AS PANT BREAKS BANK

BIG PAY DAY FOR SKIPPERS

Rishabh Pant became the most expensive player on day one of the auction in Jeddah. A look...

While Shreyas Iyer was the first to go in the history books when he was signed for ₹26 crore by Punjab Kings, Pant went past him as Lucknow Super Giants went as high as ₹27 crore for the keeper-batter. KL Rahul, meanwhile, was signed by Delhi Capitals for ₹14 crore | P11

NOTABLE SIGNINGS

The other key signings were Venkatesh Iyer (₹20 cr) for KKR, Arshdeep Singh (₹18 cr) for PBKS, Y Chahal (₹18 cr) for PBKS, Mohammed Siraj (₹12.5 cr) to GT, R Ashwin (₹9.75 cr) and Noor Ahmad (₹10 cr) to CSK, and Ishan Kishan (₹11.25 cr) for SRH

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Climate talks end with mere $300 bn pledge

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA

EXPRESS IN BAKU

THE United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku concluded on Sunday amid high drama with the adoption of a controversial agreement to triple climate finance for developing countries to $300 billion annually by 2035 as against the $1.3 trillion sought by developing countries per year until 2030.

The process and the amount agreed upon faced strong opposition from India and other developing nations.India, a prominent voice among developing countries, rejected the proposal outright, calling the agreed-upon financial goal inadequate and unfairly distributed. Chandni Raina, adviser to the Department of Economic Affairs and part of India's negotiating team, described the sum as "abysmally poor" and "a paltry amount". **CONTINUED ON: P9**

Decision on Maharashtra CM choice today

Sources: Fadnavis tipped to lead govt; Home may go to Shinde camp; swearing-in likely tomorrow

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID intense speculation over who will be the next Maharashtra chief minister, the BJP's top leadership is expected to finalise the name on Monday, it is learnt. Informed sources told this newspaper that the swearing-in ceremony of the Mahayuti government is most likely to take place on Tuesday evening as November 26 is the last day of the current assembly term. If the ceremony gets delayed by even one day, then President's Rule will kick in, said a senior leader.

Shiv Sena leader Deepak Kesarkar said the oath-taking ceremony may be held on Monday, though BJP sources denied it. "The BJP and allies are set to meet on Monday to finalise their decision on the CM pick," said a senior BJP leader. Asource privy to the decision making claimed Devendra Fadnavis is most likely to be named the CM with two DyCMs. Sources said, the Home Department may be offered to Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena.

According to BJP insiders, Fadnavis has emerged as a master strategist this time and his prowess to run alliance smoothly will also work in his favour.

On November 26, there is joint session of Parliament on account of the Samvidhan Divas. Thereafter, PM Narendra Modi and other seniors are expected to fly to Mumbai to attend the oath-taking ceremony, sources said.

The CM and the DyCMs may take oath on Tuesday, while the swearing-in of others will likely take place later after finalising the list of the ministers for each party. The venue of the swearing-in has not been decided but it could be either the Wankhede Stadium or Shivaji Park, sources said.

The BJP-led Mahayuti alliance has Shiv Sena (Shinde) and NCP (Ajit Pawar) as partners. In the recent polls, BJP emerged as the single largest party. In the previous term of the Mahayuti government, the BJP supported Shinde as CM even though it was the single largest party. Fadnavis agreed to become deputy CM on the advice of the top leadership of BJP.

(With inputs from Mumbai bureau)

SOREN STAKES CLAIM TO FORM GOVT, OATH-TAKING ON NOV 28

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE new Jharkhand government will be sworn in on Thursday, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said on Sunday after meeting Governor and staking claim to form the next government.

"The process of formation of the new government has started. I met the Governor and submitted my resignation and staked claim to form the new government. The Governor has invited us to form the government," Soren said. Soren will be sworn in as the 14th chief minister of Jharkhand. Earlier in the day, a meeting of the INDIA bloc's legislative party was held at the official residence of the chief minister in Ranchi to elect Hemant Soren as the legislative party leader. Soren, who has resigned as Chief Minister, was appointed by the governor as acting CM till Thursday, when the new government will be sworn in.

This is the first time a government is retaining power in Jharkhand, which was formed on November 15, 2000. In the results declared on November 23, Soren's JMM-led INDIA alliance won for a second consecutive term winning 56 of the 81 Assembly seats. The majority mark is 41 seats. JMM alone has 34 seats. The BJP-led alliance won 24 seats.

Hemant Soren hands over his resignation to Governor Santosh Gangwar (left) | PTI

One minister for five MLAs

One ministerial post for every five MLAs is a formula that is being considered by INDIA bloc in Jharkhand. If a consensus is reached on it, JMM will have six ministers, Congress three and RJD one. There may be new faces in the cabinet as four ministers — Mithilesh Thakur, Baidyanath Ram, Baby Devi and Banna Gupta lost their seats

EXPRESS READ

BJP, JDS net as helped us win Channapatna: DKS

Bengaluru: A day after Congress swept the byelections in Karnataka, DyCM DK Shivakumar said BJP and JDS leaders extended their tacit support to party candidate CP Yogeshwara, ensuring his victory against NDA's Nikhil Kumaraswamy. On JDS leader GT Devegowda's statement that he would join Congress if that is the desire of his supporters, "It is not just GT Devegowda's opinion... a lot of people want to do it." | P4

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• **Nakshatra:** Uttharaphalguni 2.22 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 17°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST Overcast

Sunrise 06.23 am | Sunset 05.50 pm | Moonrise 01.33 am | Moonset 01.57 pm

AAI NOD FOR MASTER PLAN TO REVAMP HAL AIRPORT

Its capacity to be increased to 40 lakh flyers per annum, parking space for 500 cars

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

CITY'S HAL airport is all set for a major revamp. A master plan is ready and has been approved by the chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), according to sources.

This airport catered to the air traffic needs of the city until 2008, when operations were shifted to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). Now, an average of 12 small aircraft, including those used by defence forces, VIPs and VVIPs and private firms, use the HAL airport daily. It has a single runway with 30 parking spots and is open 24x7.

A source told TNIE, "HAL's master plan, which will hold good till 2047, aims to cater to 40 lakh passengers per annum. It could handle a maximum of 2,500 passengers during peak hours. "In 2007-08 fiscal, just before it closed for passenger traffic, it handled over 10 lakh flyers.

In the plan's Phase-I, the airport area will be extended to 32,000 sqm from 21,885 sqm. "The terminal building will be demolished and a new one constructed. It will have 'Arrivals' at one level and 'Departures' at another level. At present, both are housed together. There will be a multi-level car parking facility (ground plus six floors), where 500 cars can be parked."

HAL Airport has been shut for commercialoperations since 2018 | S LALITHA

> **There will be no change in the runway of the airport. It has a length of 3,306 metres and a width of 61 metres. It is among the best runways in the country, dimension-wise** — Airport official

The two-lane road in front of the terminal will be expanded to a four-lane one, he said.

"There will be no change in the runway of the airport. It has a length of 3,306 metres and a width of 61 metres. It is among the best runways in the country, dimension-wise," said an airport official.

Another source said, "The agreement on exclusivity with Bangalore International Airport Limited, which bars any other airport from operating within 150 km, ends on May 24, 2033. As per the concession agreement signed between HAL and the Centre through the Ministry of Civil Aviation in July 2004, our airport will be opened for civilian operations by May 2033. Bengaluru will have a second airport by then. But due to the explosive growth the city is witnessing, there will always be a demand for another airport. Hence, we are gearing up for the future."

The airport was opened in January 1941, but commercial operations began five years later. "HAL airport could play a crucial role in providing Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAAN) operations to neighbouring cities," said a top official.

Flyers will definitely benefit from the revamped airport with multiple amenities, he added. The cost of implementing the plan is yet to be worked out.

Uncleared garbage on Nallurhalli Road in Whitefield | EXPRESS

'Stink': Waste strewn on Nallurhalli Road a bane for residents

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

A long stretch of Nallurhalli Road pavement in Whitefield has turned into a garbage dump, forcing pedestrians, especially senior citizens and schoolchildren, to walk on the road due to the uncleared waste along the footpath. The garbage, which has been left unattended for several days, emits a foul smell, causing inconvenience for those passing through the area.

Shezad, a techie who uses the same road, mentioned that pedestrians are now forced to walk on the busy road, putting them at risk of accidents. He also pointed out that the Garden City, which was once known for its greenery, is turning into a 'garbage city,' with similar situations in many parts of Whitefield. He added that the uncollected garbage not only affects daily commuters but also raises health concerns, with the potential for disease spread due to the decomposing waste.

Varamalakshmi, citing the same issue, said that many people use this road for daily navigation, including techies. Whether in vehicles or on foot, it is difficult to navigate the road, especially for elderly people and schoolchildren, who often struggle to walk on the busy road as the pavements are filled with garbage dumps, she added.

Another resident, Ravi Kumar, said the lack of garbage collection facilities in the area is a major issue. He pointed out that residents and others throw garbage on the road at night. Due to the unattended waste, foul smell emanates, forcing pedestrians and residents to either hold their noses or walk on the road. He also sadly noted that cows often eat the plastic waste disposed of on the road.

Rekha Nair, a social activist from Mahadevapur said that the piles of garbage are a constant eyesore in the city. The lack of proper waste disposal is harming the environment, with plastic and other non-biodegradable materials being scattered across the streets.

Speaking to TNIE, Joint Commissioner of Mahadevapur, Dr Dakshayini, said that garbage dumping is not just restricted to Mahadevapura or one particular area but it's all over the city and one of the major reasons is that citizens stuff their garbage in plastic covers and dump it during night at places they wish. "If these people handover the garbage responsibly to BBMP autos which go door-to-door to collect garbage in the morning, the city will be free from black spots. Instead of storing garbage and heading out in the night and dumping, citizens should be responsible and hand over it to BBMP. Public should join hands with BBMP to make the city clean," she added and said that people continued to dump waste, even after BBMP marshals fined them for dumping garbage.

'Policy needed for proper use and control of antibiotics'

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The increasing misuse of higher doses of antibiotics, even for minor illnesses, is contributing to growing antimicrobial resistance, said Bangalore Rural MP Dr CN Manjunath. He called for the introduction of a new policy to ensure the proper use and control of antibiotics during the inauguration of the Seventh National FeverCon 2024, sponsored by Micro Labs, here on Saturday.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Manjunath emphasised, "The first symptom of many health issues is fever, making its accurate diagnosis crucial. In the rush to cure illnesses quickly, the overuse of antibiotics has become rampant, not only in healthcare but also in agriculture. While antibiotics are a boon, excessive use has led to a rise in antimicrobial resistance, demanding immediate attention and regulation."

Highlighting the need for holistic patient care, he remarked, "Modern technological advancements enable doctors to diagnose based on patient data, but physical examination remains essential. Observing and touching patients can provide insights that data cannot. Furthermore, with the rise of super-specialty medicines, piecemeal diagnoses often overlook the necessity of a comprehensive examination. This underscores the growing need for family physicians."

The event also shed light on the use of antibiotics in the agriculture sector, urging the medical community and policy makers to act decisively to address this escalating issue. FeverCon 2024 brought together over 75,000 physicians from around the world. The conference featured expert discussions on fever management, antimicrobial resistance, and the importance of integrated diagnostic approaches.

EXPRESS READ

Power cut in parts of city tomorrow

Bengaluru: With the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited carrying out periodical maintenance works, there will be no power supply in parts of the city on November 26 (Tuesday) from 10 am to 3 pm. UB City, ITC Hotel, Lavelle Road, Vittal Mallya Road, Wilson Garden, Hombegowda Nagara, Sampagi Nagara, J C Road, Shanti Nagar, BTS Road, Richmond Circle, Residency Road, Sudhamanagara, KH Road, Shantinagar, Wilson Garden, Double Road, Subbaiah Circle, Siddayya Road, Lalbagh Road and surrounding areas will be affected, said Bangalore Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (BESCOM) in a press release on Sunday.

BBMP driver dies after tree branch falls on him

Bengaluru: A 30-year-old driver of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike died when a branch of a tree fell on him while he was sleeping under it near Navrang Theatre in Rajajinagar police station limits on Sunday morning. The deceased has been identified as Lakshman, a BBMP garbage van driver. Police sources said that Lakshman was sleeping under the tree near Navrang Theatre after his morning shift. The branch of the tree fell on him, causing severe head injuries. Lakshman died on the spot. Passersby alerted the police about the incident.

READY, STEADY, GO!

Participants at 3k, 5k and 10k marathon organised by Canara Bank in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

25th ALL INDIA POLICE LAWN TENNIS TOURNEY FROM NOV 26

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THE 25th edition of the All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship will begin on 26 November, Tuesday. The four-day championship, organised by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) will have police forces from across the nation.

The inauguration will be conducted by Special Director General (SDG) of CISF, Praveer Ranjan, on Monday, and the valedictory will be held by City Police Commissioner B Dayananda. The event will be held at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) Stadium and Kanteerava Stadium.

Speaking at the curtain raiser, Jose Mohan, Inspector General (IG) of the Airport Sector, said that police forces from across the nation will take part in the event, with an IG-rank officer also participating. Around 124 individuals have enrolled for the competition, playing in 21 teams across singles, doubles, and veteran categories. Players from police forces, paramilitary forces, CRPF, and the NSG will also participate in the sports event, which will be held from November 26 to 30, he said.

He further added that playing sports also helps reduce stress. This championship will bring together players from state and central police organisations across the country, providing them with a platform to showcase their talent. The objective of the event is to foster better relations among police organisations and encourage healthy competition in the field of sports.

CISF Inspector General Jose Mohan, Deputy Inspector General Manjunath H and senior Comandant Dhananjay Naik address the media in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

25TH November : When Venus and Saturn form a relationship, as they do now, then it's a sign that all responsible and dutiful people will prosper, and traditional values will be the best. That's the theory. Actually, Uranus' lingering presence means that the unexpected could happen at any moment - and probably will!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The current passionate Mars-Pluto relationship is pushing you into battles of principle, probably at home rather than at work. However, relations may not wish to be the objects of your crusading zeal. You might do best to leave them alone to make up their own minds.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There's a fairly pronounced change in planetary energies this week, moving from pure excitement and drama to a situation which combines the need for adventure with sobriety and caution: a tall order! Your natural caution will come in extremely handy.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There's little change in the long-term cycle for the bulk of Geminians this week. However, the rapid movements of Venus and Mercury point to a series of intriguing fluctuations in your personal relationships. Meanwhile Mars indicates rising tension, so keep the lid on wilder feelings.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It may be another twelve months before your seeds which are sown now come to fruition. However, you should soon begin to see very beneficial results. You can look forward to the future with hope, but in the meantime you'd better pay close attention to the details.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The Moon arrives in a powerful region of your chart, bringing a remarkable degree of emotional strength. Play your cards right now and you will emerge as the dominant force at home and the victor in a family struggle. Friends may be falling out - and you'll soon be called in to play the peacemaker.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Your better Virgoan qualities are all set to flourish. You have little choice but to adhere to the self-sacrificing tendencies that you would rather forget. But that doesn't mean that you should let people walk all over you. Far from it. By doing the right thing you will attract loyalty and respect.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Challenging planetary aspects may set you on edge, but shouldn't disturb your genuine peace of mind. Perhaps you will find welcome stimulation in tense situations. A little extra stress might be all it takes to push into finally achieving a cherished goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Certain partners have been very loyal indeed and have gone out of their way to put up with your needs and desires. However, you might be wise to backtrack and make an attempt to be more amenable. If you have made a mistake at home, now's your chance to make amends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You haven't always had a fair deal, but that should soon change. The stirring impact of Mars, planet of energy, on intense Pluto, is arousing your righteous anger. You will fight for your rights, even if you're wrong! Make sure you don't pick on an inappropriate target, though!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Venus' most powerful relationship today bodes well for love, but you do have to find the right words to say what you want. The impact on your life may therefore be indirect, but not less impressive, explosive even, for all that. Look to close friends for support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
A perfect planetary period for family gatherings and home entertaining is now beginning. Hopefully, you will make the most of wonderful opportunities and now have your memories to look back on. But it may not be possible to keep impatient partners waiting for ever.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You can't always win the support you deserve. Of course there will be times when you don't see eye to eye with loved ones, but you must regard disagreement as an essential part of daily life. How boring it would be if everyone shared the same opinions!

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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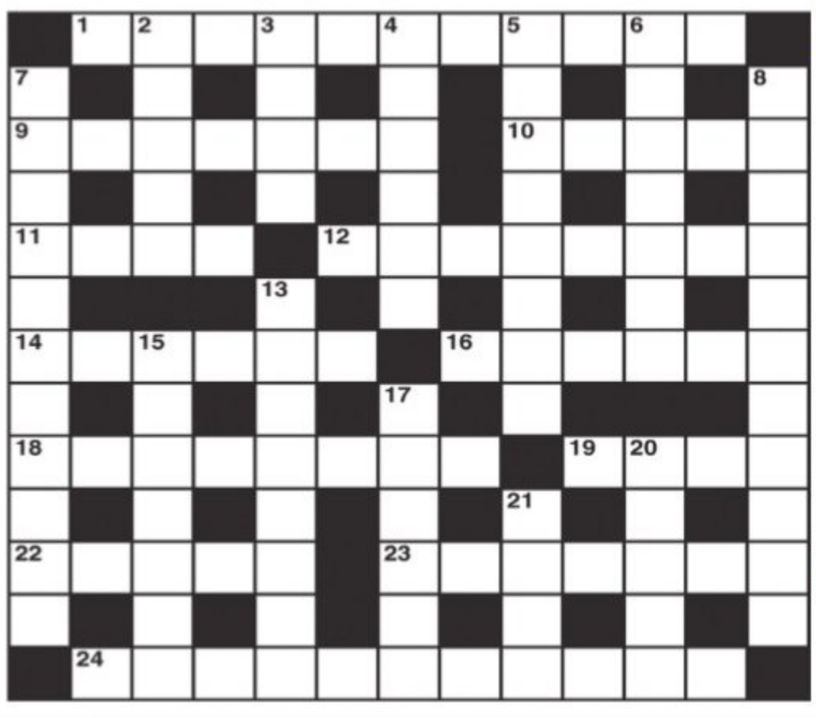

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 A jumping-off place (11)
9 First violins start the cassette tapes (7)
10 Pick the literary section (5)
11 People said to be waiting in lines for hints (4)
12 Barges filled with inflammable liquid? (8)
14 Be leading the deer that's slow (6)
16 Nanny makes a teatime spread (6)
18 American piano used in parties raises questions (8)
19 Brings back plans for canned meat (4)
22 These doors are on the way out (5)
23 Arab that is bound to be a wanderer (7)
24 Allergy to cats or dogs? (3,8)

DOWN
2 Quickest way to travel from Nepal? (5)
3 Time for just one thing (4)
4 An active talker ma be but the talk is idle (6)
5 Pass an examination (8)
6 Object when put into torn clothing (7)
7 A sensational success - in clearing obstructions? (11)
8 A tape recording? (11)
13 Submerged position of cedilla say (8)
15 Obviously no friend of the soil (7)
17 Fast horses (6)
20 Planet or dog star (5)
21 The chances of racing (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Sweden, 4 Decanter, 9 Amiens, 10 Mentally, 12 Knob, 13 Depth, 14 Arch, 17 Neutral power, 20 Wilful murder, 23 Ogre, 24 Unity, 25 Men, 28 Implicit, 29 Forged, 30 Cloister, 31 Tempts.

Down: 1 Slacking, 2 Epilogue, 3 Eme, 5 Electroplate, 6 Acts, 7 Tiles, 8 Rhythm, 11 Hell of a noise, 15 Trail, 16 Demur, 18 Adding up, 19 Grenades, 21 Zodiac, 22 Troppo, 26 Hies, 27 Note.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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What are you doing with my glove? I need that!
AFTER SEEING HER LITTLE BROTHER USING HER SOFTBALL GLOVE, SHE WANTED HIM TO ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FUDGE GROOM SWOOSH UTMOST
Answer: After getting injured in the forest, the hiker was rescued and now — OUT OF THE WOODS

Dakshina Kannada MP Capt. Brijesh Chowta on Saturday met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi and appealed to her to expedite sanction for crucial infrastructure projects for Mangaluru

Traffic down by 20% at 75 key junctions; Are AI signals helping?

ATCS adjusts signals based on real-time traffic flow

PIC FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WHILE Bengaluru's traffic is a nightmare for commuters, with people complaining that AI cameras have not made a difference, data from the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) shows that since March, on an average, congestion has reduced by 20% at 75 key junctions where Adaptive Traffic Control Systems (ATCS) were installed.

These systems, designed to adjust signals based on real-time traffic flow, have also reduced the need for manual operations. Currently only less than 5% of traffic management relies on human intervention at these junctions, with most of the work being done by Vehicle Actuated Controllers (VAC).

On the KR Road corridor, which includes four traffic signals—Medical College Circle, Shivashankara Circle, VV Puram, and National College Junction, travel time has been reduced by 20%. The Hudson Circle section, which has five signals, including Halasuru Gate and Town Hall has experienced a 33% reduction in travel time. Similarly, in Jayanagar, travel time has decreased by 20%.

MN Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) highlighted that the ATCS works by using cameras at key junctions to detect the number of vehicles approaching. It then adjusts the traffic signals in real-time based on this information. "For example, if one direction has more traffic, the system will keep the green light longer for that direction, to clear the vehicles faster. This helps manage traffic flow better and reduces waiting times, making travel smoother for everyone," he said.

> **If one direction has more traffic, the system will keep the green light on longer there to clear the vehicles faster**
>
> MN Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic)

In addition, signals along major routes are synchronised to create 'green waves,' meaning vehicles can move through multiple signals without stopping as often, Anucheth said, adding that this reduces travel time by minimising unnecessary stops and starts.

The system includes a feature that prioritises emergency vehicles. Moreover, the city traffic police have already introduced 'E-Path,' a mobile app designed to help guide ambulances through less congested routes and ensure they receive priority at traffic signals during emergencies. "On average, around 18 to 20 ambulances are directed through these optimised routes every day, helping to speed up response time and improve emergency services in the city," Anucheth added.

Kuldeep Kumar Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Traffic East highlighted that by optimising signal timings, ATCS reduces unnecessary waiting times and improving the overall traffic flow. "With only about 5% of operations requiring manual intervention, the system significantly reduces reliance on traffic police and ensures that emergency vehicles are automatically given priority, allowing them to pass quickly without causing major disruptions to other drivers," he said.

All the signals are monitored and controlled from a central control centre, with over 90% of the time, ATCS operating even during peak hours, the senior officer said.

After completing the first phase by January, the city traffic police plans to extend the system to an additional 400 junctions in a phased rollout. This project uses the CoSiCoSt ATCS application, developed by C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), to handle India's diverse and often unpredictable traffic conditions.

The ATCS system differs from the recently introduced Japanese MODERATO (Management of Origin-Destination-Related Adaptation for Traffic Optimisation) technology. Unlike the ATCS, the MODERATO system uses an origin-destination approach for signal control, which relies heavily on detailed data about traffic patterns.

GOING NUTS...

People buy groundnuts on the eve of Kadalekai Parishe in Basavanagudi on Sunday. The two-day fair will begin today | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Darshan's bail must be cancelled: Dr G

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HOME Minister **Dr G Parameshwara** said that steps are being taken to cancel actor Darshan's bail. Speaking to reporters here in the city on Sunday, the Home Minister said, "Police have found photos of actor Darshan at the spot where Renukaswamy was murdered. These photos are said to be clicked by someone who was along with Darshan at the crime scene. It has been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory at Hyderabad for analysis." He said that the crucial photo evidence will be submitted and the court will be requested to cancel the bail. he also assured that investigation is underway to take further action.

Actor Darshan who was in custody since June 11, was granted a six-week interim bail on October 30, primarily on medical grounds after he complained of severe spine pain and requested a surgery. However, the actor has not underwent any surgery and did not require any, Parameshwara said. "The actor's lawyer had argued that if the spine surgery is not done in a day or two, Darshan's spine would break. However, even after so many days, the surgery has not been carried out," he added.

EXPRESS READ

Disappointed by Nikhil's defeat in bypoll, man attempts suicide

MANDYA: Disappointed by the defeat of JDS Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the Channapatna bypoll, a fan of the actor-turned-politician attempted suicide on Sunday. The police said Manjunath aka Abhi (40), a resident of Srirampura village in Ramangara district, drank poison. In a letter he had mentioned, "I am committing suicide due to the defeat of Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the election. I am his fan. I am responsible for my death. Jai JDS and NDA." As the village is near Maddur taluk, the villagers, who saw Manjunath writhing in pain, rushed him to Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital. Villagers claimed Manjunath recovered after treatment and later he was discharged from hospital. Meanwhile, as the information was brought to the notice of Nikhil, he rushed to Manjunath's residence in Srirampura village. **ENS**

Man kills wife over suspected infidelity, search on to nab him

Bengaluru: A 31-year-old woman was strangled to death by her husband after he suspected her fidelity. The incident occurred at her residence on 3rd Main Road, Gangondanahalli, under Chandra Layout Police Station limits, on Friday night. However, it came to light only after the deceased's sister checked her on Saturday night. The woman Gausia was a homemaker. The absconding accused, her husband Imran Khan (37), is a daily wage construction worker. The police said that the couple had an argument on Friday between 9 and 10 pm, during which Khan allegedly strangled his wife with a dupatta and fled the scene after locking the house. When Gausia's sister tried calling her on Saturday and received no response, she visited the house in the night. A case has been registered under Section 103 of the BNS. **ENS**

11-page suicide note to be sent to FSL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Banashankari police are probing the suicide case of S Jeeva, an accused in an alleged scam related to the Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation. The police will soon send the suicide note to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and will issue a notice to the investigating officer (IO) for further investigation.

The businesswoman, who committed suicide on Friday, left an 11-page death note at her residence. Her sister, Sangeetha, made several allegations against CID DySP Kanakalakshmi. According to an FIR, Kanakalakshmi allegedly forced Jeeva to undress and asked her if she was carrying a cyanide. The DySP also reportedly demanded a payment of Rs 25 lakh, the FIR stated.

A police source said that the 11-page death note will be sent to the FSL, and a sample of Jeeva's handwriting will also be collected and sent to the laboratory for analysis. Statements from the deceased's relatives will be recorded and notices will be issued to the authorities concerned to appear for questioning, the police said. The police have registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act and for abetment to suicide against investigating officer, DySP Kanakalakshmi.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Limited.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **25.01.2024** calling upon the Borrowers; **1) Smt. Mayamma W/o. Late Mayanna, 2) Sri Ashwath. M. S/o. Late Mayanna,** Design Engineer, 3D Concept Analysis Development, (India) Pvt. Ltd., KASSIA Udyog Bhavan, No. 2/106, 1st Floor, 17th Cross, Magadi Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040, **3) Sri Ashoka. M. S/o. Late Mayanna,** All are R/at: #1126, 2nd Cross, 10th Main, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bengaluru - 560050. and **Guarantor: Sri Chinnaiah. S. S/o. Sanganna,** #456, J.P. Nagar, 9th Phase, Royal Park, Sadguru Tapovana, Anjanapura Post, Bengaluru - 560062, **Also at:** # 860, V. Krishnareddy Building, Srinivasareddy Layout, Opp: Grameena Finance, Avalahalli, Bengaluru - 560062, **Also at:** Senior Design Engineer, 3D Concept Analysis Development, (India) Pvt. Ltd., KASSIA Udyog Bhavan, No. 2/106, 1st Floor, 17th Cross, Magadi Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Notice being **Rs. 30,47,927.18 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Seven and Eighteen Paisa Only) as on 31.12.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest along with the cost and charges **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this the **20th Day of November of the year 2024.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., RPC Layout Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 30,47,927.18 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Seven and Eighteen Paisa Only) as on 31.12.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No.5 in Sy.No. 24/1, situated at Gavipuram Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now BBMP Ward No.53, 2nd Cross, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 18 feet and North to South 45 feet together with all rights appurtenances what so ever whether underneath or above building constructed thereon and bounded on: **East by :** Remaining Eastern Portion of same Property, **West by :** Site No.9, **North by :** 25 feet Road, **South by :** Site No.6.

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Limited.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **16.01.2024** calling upon the Borrowers; **1) Sri Devaraj Reddy. M. S/o. Sri N.G. Malla Reddy, 2) Smt. Gowramma. D. W/o. Sri Devaraj Reddy. M,** Both are R/at: No.335, 14th 'B' Cross Road, 17th Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector-4, Bengaluru - 560102, **Also at:** No.1265, Gowri Nilaya, 22nd Main Road, 11th Cross, Old Cambridge School Ground, HSR Layout, Sector-1, Bengaluru - 560102, **Also at:** No. 68/4, Sri Gowri Complex, 1st Floor, 20th Main Road, BTM Layout, B.D.A. Layout, 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560029. and **Guarantor: Smt. Bhavya Nandakumar. R. W/o. Sri Nandakumar Shamanna,** No. 232, 11th Cross Road, 17th 'B' Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector-4, Bengaluru - 560102 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Notice being **Rs. 57,53,811/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven Only) as on 31.12.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest along with the cost and charges **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this the **20th Day of November of the year 2024.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., RPC Layout Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 57,53,811/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven Only) as on 31.12.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.8, in old No.94, BBMP Municipal No.8 (old No.94), (PID No.66-226-8), situated at 5th Cross Road, Madiwala Village, 35/58th Division of Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet & North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 square feet, building constructed thereon and bounded on: **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Road. **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Site No.7.

Date : 20-11-2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that our client is desirous of transacting in the lands more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter to as the "**Schedule Property**".

Any person having any subsisting claim, right, title or interest, in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner including by way of sale, transfer, assignment, exchange, charge, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lease, sub-lease, license, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, devise, lien, maintenance, easement, encumbrance, trust, covenant, possession, beneficial interest or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit or award passed by any Court or Authority, arbitrator, *lis-pendens*, power of attorney, bequest, FSI, development rights, partnership, family arrangement or settlement or otherwise encumbrance of any nature howsoever ("**Claim**"), are hereby requested to respond with documentary proof to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that no such Claim exists and if it existed, the claimant has relinquished such Claim and/or waived their right to exercise such Claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural lands totally admeasuring approximately 16.78 acres comprised in survey numbers set out below, as detailed below, situated at Chokkahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur District and Taluk

SURVEY NO.	EXTENT (IN ACRES)	OWNER/S
11/1	0.45	Mr A V Harish Babu
11/2	1.38	Mr A V Harish Babu
11/3	1.68	Mr Ramesh
11/4	0.50	Ms Lakshmamma
11/5	1.25	Mr R Munibyrappa and Mr R Krishnappa
11/6	1.00	Mr H A Venkatesh
11/7	1.38	Ms Meka Kiran Reddy
12/1	0.25	Mr B H Krishnappa
26/1	0.91	Mr K Suresh
26/1	0.91	Mr K Narayanaswamy
26/2	0.48	Ms Krishnamma
26/4	0.48	Mr R Krishnappa
25/1	2.00	Mr A R Narayanaswamy
25/2	1.88	Ms P Neeraja
25/3	0.08	Mr R Jayakrishna
25/3	0.23	Mr A R Narayanaswamy
25/4	1.92	Mr P Anand

Dated this 25th day of November 2024.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	47059630000134	1) Mrs. Mahadevi Bai, 2) Mr. Rama Naika	12.09.2024 Rs.4,26,001.93 (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Six Thousand One and Ninety Three Paisa Only) due as on 10-09-2024	Date: 22.11.2024 Time: 01:20 PM Symbolic Possession

Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshumari No.5/50, E Property No.152900204101720418, measuring East to West (17.23+17.23)/2 meter and North to South (16.93+10.76)/2 meter, situated at I Gollahalli Village, I Gollahalli Grama Panchayath, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Block Ramanagara District and **Bounded: East by:** Road, **West by:** House belongs to Bheema Naika, **North by:** Site belongs to Anna Naika, **South by:** Road.

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Ramanagara
Date: 25.11.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

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TENDER NOTICE FOR MANUAL BIDDING
NIT No.: SCC/DC/OT/TRANSIT HOUSE VIZAG/MT-044
Sub: COMPREHENSIVE TRANSIT HOUSE SERVICES AT VISAKHAPATNAM FOR GRSE LTD
Due Date: 30 days from date of publication
Pre-bid meeting: Date will be notified in Tender document available in GRSE website
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No: SEE/TWM/SMG/EE(O)/AEE-2/2024-25/4669-74 Date: 22.11.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP Mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders through KPPP mode from the authorized organizations for Providing services for 8 Nos of Shift Helpers at 220/110/66/11KV Main Receiving Station, Shivamogga in Tr (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Shivamogga through outsource. Tender No.: **KPTCL/2024-25/SE 1425.** For detailed Information and to participate in the tender through KPPP mode please visit our website **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or directly you can access the tendering website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or **after 11.00 AM** on **25.11.2024**. Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Elecl)., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, 'Prasarana Bhavan, MRS Colony, Shivamogga-577 203. Telefax: 08182-272624.

Government of Karnataka
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru
No.: FD 01 BMB 2024 Date: 21.11.2024

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. **Aggregate Amount : Total Rs. 4000 Crore [Rs. 2000 Crore - 05 Year Tenure and Rs. 2000 Crore - 6 Year Tenure]**
2. **Method of Issue : By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)**
3. **Date of auction : November 26, 2024**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

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The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **20th Day of November of the year 2024.**

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The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the Eastern portion of property No.20/28, Gerahalli, BSK 3rd Stage, BBMP Ward no.53, New Municipal No.14/1 (Old No.28/20), BBMP PID No.53-201-14/1, 14th Main Road, Muneshwara Block, Bengaluru-560 050, measuring East to West 20 feet, North to South 28 ft, and bounded on: East by : Property No.29 and 30, West by : Sri N. Nagaraj Property of this number, North by : Other's Property, South by : Road.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 20.11.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Karnataka State Co-operative Apex Bank Limited

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"There is no point in discussing the Channapatna election results. People have given their verdict and we have to accept it," Union Minister and state JDS president HD Kumaraswamy said

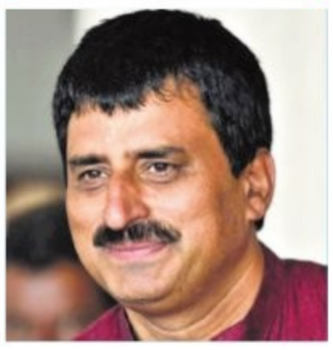
WINNERS SPEAK

The Congress in Karnataka is on cloud 9 after winning bypolls to Assembly from Channapatna, Sandur and Shiggaon constituencies. Post victory, the three MLA-elect — CP Yogeshwara, Annapoorna Tukaram and Yasir Ahmed Khan Pathan — spoke to *TNIE* on what helped them and what their priorities are....

'WHAT IS WRONG IN DKS BECOMING CM'

CP YOGESHWARA

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru



CHANNAPATNA Assembly constituency witnessed a high-voltage bypoll with the Congress pitching CP Yogeshwara against NDA's Nikhil Kumaraswamy. Yogeshwara had the last laugh by defeating Nikhil by a margin of over 25,000 votes, further cementing the Congress' base in the Old Mysuru region. Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Yogeshwara, an actor-turned-politician who quit the BJP and joined the Congress in October, said if DyCM and state Congress chief DK Shivakumar is given a chance to occupy the CM's chair, he, too, would support him. Excerpts:

Did you expect a victory by this margin?
I expected a win by a thin margin as I panicked after seeing the intense campaign by JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy and their money power. After polling, I gathered information from every booth and realised that their strategy did not work. I met CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar and expressed confidence in winning by 30,000-35,000 votes. Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan's (alleged racist remarks against Kumaraswamy) might have reduced my victory margin by 4,000-5,000 votes.

Was it an evenly fought battle?
He (Nikhil) is still a newbie in electoral politics. He is not a match for me. I had defeated his mother (Anitha Kumaraswamy) and lost to his father Kumaraswamy by a narrow margin in the past.

What percent of Vokkaligas voted for you?
About 50% of the Vokkaligas who are honestly into farming voted for me, as I have developed irrigation facilities during my past tenure. Some elite, educated, and casteist Vokkaligas favoured the Gowda family.

Nikhil is determined to stay back in Channapatna...
He should have been determined to stay back in Mandya and Ramanagara from where he lost in the past.

Your plan for Channapatna...
Implementation of underground drainage systems, bus stands, and irrigation projects. Kumaraswamy destroyed the constituency by being aloof. Administration has collapsed. I have to uproot corruption. I have to take steps to strengthen farmers financially by providing scientific prices for their produce with a better market and instilling scientific knowledge into agriculture. I am also thinking of contract farming in horticulture, as Bengaluru is nearby and is a big market for fruits and vegetables. Channapatna can tap that potential as water is abundant and the land is fertile.

Are you indebted to CM Siddaramaiah, DyCM DK Shivakumar, and former MP DK Suresh?
I created a win-win situation for myself and the Congress. If I had not been the candidate, the party would have lost. It is a bargain between us. A loss for Congress might have dented the image of Shivakumar as the state's DyCM.

Do you want to see Shivakumar as the next CM?
What's wrong with it? DK Shivakumar has his own strengths and capabilities... but it is not that edoesn't have any weakness. If opportunity knocks at his doors, I, too, will support him.

You advised HD Deve Gowda to retire. How do you justify it?
He should have retired after he crossed the age of 90. But he remained power-hungry despite becoming the PM. Moreover, he just could not ensure his grandson's victory. As per Darwin's theory, it is survival of the fittest. He did not rule the state or country for a full term... with no significant contribution of his own.

Isn't he (Gowda) the supreme leader of Vokkaligas?
In the past he was. What credibility did he have? He groomed all his family members and grandsons, and how can he become a Vokkaliga leader? Vokkaligas have realised this fact. He has to vacate his seat, or else strong forces within the community will overpower him and acquire the seat. It may be DK Shivakumar or someone else who has capabilities and luck on their side.

You still have your sympathisers like R Ashoka and Dr CN Ashwath Narayana in the BJP, who lobbied in favour of you for the NDA ticket...
Naturally, they knew my strength. But BS Yediyurappa used my strength to become CM... but he ensured that I could not become a minister.

Will you go back to BJP in the future?
Why should I? I am not a Deve Gowda to do so. I defected to Congress with a reason in the interest of the welfare of my people of Channapatna.

Will you continue to be a jumping star... switching parties?
The answer is no since the Congress is in power. Let's see if such a situation arises. I have not signed any bond paper to any party (including Congress). I am an independent thinker. What is the use of sticking to one party without carrying out any development work in the constituency? Development is my ideology. Mine is like a private limited company.

Did Minorities help you win?
Even when I was in BJP, 3,000-4,000 of them (Minority voters) voted for me. This time, since I was the Congress candidate, they voted for me in large numbers.

ANNAPOORNA TUKARAM

'My priority is for basic amenities'

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Sandur (Ballari district)

WIFE of Ballari Congress MP and four-time MLA E Tukaram, Annapoorna Tukaram, who won the Sandur bypoll seat, is keen on the comprehensive development of her constituency with a goal to set up a multi-speciality hospital. She spoke *The New Indian Express* on her electoral success and plans for Sandur. Excerpts:

What are your plans for Sandur's development?
My primary focus will be on addressing basic amenities such as providing safe drinking water, improving roads, and ensuring timely bus service. These are the major problems faced by the people of Sandur constituency. Additionally, establishing a multi-speciality hospital in Sandur is my goal. I am committed to making this a reality during my tenure.

You hail from a political family. Will this help in your new role as MLA?
It is a matter of pride to come from a political family, and it indeed helps me in my journey. My husband E Tukaram, who is Ballari MP, was a four-time MLA of Sandur constituency (Reserved for ST). I have seen his dedication and commitment to public service. His experience will guide me in bringing projects to fruition. He has always stood by me, giving valuable suggestions.

How was your experience working with the CM, cabinet ministers, and party workers during the campaign?
It was truly an exhilarating experience. Ground-level engagement is essential for understanding the issues faced by people. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, camping in Sandur for three days and participating in over 15 rallies, had a significant impact on my victory. Santosh Lad worked hard from Day 1, conducting meetings with community leaders and organising rallies. His experience and efforts greatly influenced my poll outcome. Ultimately, it was the tireless efforts of Congress workers, who worked 24x7, that made my victory possible. They are the heroes behind my success.

BJP criticised dynasty politics, and in the recent bypolls, voters rejected the sons of two CMs. How did the Congress manage to retain Sandur?
I cannot comment on the voters' choice in Shiggaon and Channapatna. But it is true that the two CMs' sons were defeated in the bypolls. Perhaps, the strategies of BJP and JDS did not resonate with voters in those constituencies. I firmly believe that the Congress government's development initiatives and our five guarantees played a crucial role in securing our win in Sandur.

'Win shows people's desire for change'

YASIR AHMED KHAN PATHAN

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @ Hubballi

CONGRESS' Yasir Ahmed Khan Pathan created a history of sorts by winning the Shiggaon Assembly constituency for the Grand Old Party after almost 25 years in the recent bypoll. Congress' focused efforts, along with the guarantee schemes of the Siddaramaiah-led government, helped Pathan win the seat by defeating BJP's Bharat Bommai. Pathan shared his thoughts with *The New Indian Express* on the people's verdict. Excerpts:

How do you interpret the bypoll result?
The verdict clearly signals a desire for change. The Congress last won Shiggaon in 1994. The people of the constituency were frustrated with the repeated election of the same candidate. By casting their vote in favour of Congress, people have shown their support for our leadership and CM Siddaramaiah's government.

What were the key factors that led to your victory?
Congress' strong organisational strength, successful implementation of the guarantees, and the rejection of the BJP's misleading and divisive campaign were vital for our success. On one hand, voters saw through the BJP's misinformation, and on the other hand, the Congress campaign remained cohesive and focused. Coming from a humble family, my background resonated with the people, particularly as I was up against the son of a former chief minister and a sitting MP.

Did the Waqf land controversy work in your favour?
I prefer not to speak on this issue in detail. Any comment I make could be misinterpreted, especially since I belong to a Minority community. Shiggaon is a place of harmony, home to the revered Kanakadasa and Sufi saint Shishunal Sharif. People here are well aware that during elections, the BJP tries to play divisive and communal politics. In the previous Lok Sabha elections, they focused on the Neha Hiremath murder issue, and this time, they raised the Waqf land issue. To be honest, their attempts to use such issues for political gain backfired, and the controversy did not affect our victory.

The Congress has been accused of distributing large sums of money and misusing government machinery during the campaign. What is your response?
These allegations are completely unfounded and baseless. I am a common man... where would I have gotten so much money? Everyone knows that Basavaraj Bommai spent far more money in the past elections, and this time, they continued to spend recklessly. Yet, voters rejected their approach and clearly said, "Bye Bye Bommai." That was the slogan echoing throughout the constituency.

What are your priorities for Shiggaon's development?
My priorities are to improve healthcare, education, and irrigation, and create more jobs. Currently, people from Shiggaon travel to neighbouring districts for healthcare and education. The youth of this constituency seek employment in places like Goa and coffee-growing regions. The irrigation projects launched by the previous government have failed to deliver the expected results. I have my own plans to enhance the living conditions in the constituency, which I will discuss with the district minister and other officials concerned to make them a reality.

Siddu supporters plan convention on Dec 5

HASSAN: Karnataka Social Welfare Minister and senior Congress leader Dr H C Mahadevappa said that the supporters of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will organise 'Siddaramaiah Swabhimani Samavesha' in Hassan on December 5. Speaking to media persons in Hassan, Minister Mahadevappa said supporters of the Chief Minister from five districts — Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, and Chikmagaluru districts will take part in the convention. They are organising the conference on their own and it has nothing to do with the government, the minister said. The purpose of the convention will be revealed by the committee members soon, Mahadevappa added. ENS

SEEKING BLESSINGS

Former PM and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda seeking blessings from Sri Yathiraja Jeeyar during Sri Ramanuja Vishwavijaya Mahothsava organised by Sri Yadhagiri Yathiraja Mutt and All-Karnataka Srivaishnava Mahasabha at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BY RAPPA

DKS: BJP, JDS LEADERS HELPED CONGRESS WIN CHANNAPATNA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A day after the Congress swept the three bypolls in Karnataka, Deputy CM **DK Shivakumar**, who is also the KPCC president, said that the BJP and JDS leaders extended their tacit support to Congress candidate CP Yogeshwara, ensuring his victory against NDA's Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

On senior JDS leader GT Devegowda's statement that he would join the Congress if that is the desire of his supporters, "It is not just GT Devegowda's opinion... a lot of people want to do it. Many in the BJP have the same thought. Could we (Congress) have won the seat if the BJP leaders had not supported us?" Yogeshwara defeated Nikhil Kumaraswamy by a margin of over 25,000 votes in the bypolls for which the results were announced on Saturday. "BJP leader Dr CN Ashwath Narayan on Saturday said that he knew about Yogeshwara's victory beforehand. Is he dumb to say this, having been a district in-charge minister and DyCM in the past? He read the pulse of the voters," Shivakumar told media persons in Kanakapura.

Shivakumar defended his statement by citing the booth-wise polling data wherein the Congress polled more votes than Nikhil in areas where the BJP leaders had visited their party workers during the campaigning.

"Many people from across the parties have helped us in this election (Channapatna). Congress had only 16,000 votes in the previous assembly election. It increased in the Lok Sabha election. We received direct and indirect support from BJP and JDS workers and leaders. We will develop the constituency, taking everyone into confidence," he said.

Shivakumar also said that the victory was a result of concerted efforts by everyone and not limited to a few individuals. "DK Brothers will not take the credit," he said.

When asked if Ramanagara district has now become free of JDS, he said, "It is not important for us to make Ramanagara JDS-mukt. Their tally has already gone down from 19 to 18 in the Assembly."

When his attention was drawn to the post-victory slogans that he should be the next CM, Shivakumar said, "It is not important who the CM is. Development is important for us. Kumaraswamy did not keep up his promises. We will have to develop the constituency and show him how it's done."

On the cabinet reshuffle, he said, "There is no pressure for it. You check with the CM."

On allegations by Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy that Congress used money power to defeat Nikhil, Shivakumar said whether it was the same money that helped NDA during the Lok Sabha elections when the former's brother-in-law, Dr CN Manjunath, defeated DK Suresh in the Bangalore Rural seat.

ASHOKA HITS BACK

Hitting back at DyCM DK Shivakumar, LoP in the Assembly R Ashoka said no one should try to create tension between the BJP and JDS by spreading false claims. Speaking in Kannada, he remarked, "Yaru thandiko kelasa madbaradu," which translates to: "No one should spread such false information that could result in discord between JDS and BJP."

Mahayuti won M'rashtra polls by copying K'taka's Gruha Lakshmi scheme: DyCM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DYCM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Sunday said that the BJP-led Mahayuti in Maharashtra won the Assembly polls by copying the Karnataka government's Gruha Lakshmi guarantee and naming it Mazi Ladki Bahin Yojana.

Speaking at a women's awareness conference of the Kanakambari Mahila Okkuta, Shivakumar said, "We (Congress) had named it Mahalaxmi and promised to give Rs 3,000. The BJP coalition government there has been giving money six months in advance of the elections (Rs 1,500 to every beneficiary)... as a result they got more votes than us."

Shivakumar also suggested women not to sell the land they own in and around Kanakapura as the prices are likely to get appreciated further as Ramanagara district will be part of Bengaluru. "Women should not let their men in the family sell lands for any reason. When I first contested elections here, an acre cost only Rs 2-3 lakh. Now it is Rs 50 lakh. Do not be lured by the idea that if you sell the land, you will get a good price. Do not lose a single plot of land for any reason," he told the women.

Dr G: CAN'T RULE OUT HACKING OF EVMs IN MAHA ELECTIONS

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, AICC observer for Maharashtra Assembly elections, said that there were possibilities of hacking of EVMs in some constituencies of that state. Dr Para-meshwara said, "For the past 15 years, we have been opposing the use of EVMs in elections. Why can't we go back to paper ballots? AICC had constituted a panel. But the system is with them (Centre). Even some NDA leaders are against using EVMs." "It is better to bring back the paper ballot system and stop using EVMs to ensure a free and fair election. There is resistance to EVMs in India and even in America. Some BJP leaders are also against EVMs, but are selective in voicing their views. We can't say EVMs have been hacked across Maharashtra, but there are possibilities of hacking in some constituencies," he said. On the bypoll results in Karnataka, Dr Parameshwara said people have ignored the allegations against the ruling Congress made by BJP leaders. "What people want is development and they believe in Congress government," he added. The home minister said that the Congress had predicted that it would win all three constituencies even before going to polls and the party won them. CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar played a big role in the party's victory. "Our leaders and party workers worked collectively and that resulted in our victory," he added.

Based on a complaint from a 76-year-old man, Singanallur police in Villupuram, Tamil Nadu, arrested his daughter and son-in-law for selling his land after producing fake death certificate to the registration department. The accused are P Malathy and her husband G Praveenkumar

'Unilateral candidate pick led to BJP's Palakkad loss'

Party started prepartions 2 months in advance, but failed to counter allegations

MANOJ VISWANATHAN @Kochi

THE setback in Palakkad has triggered sharp criticism against the state leadership of the BJP with senior leaders blaming the unilateral selection of the candidate as the reason for the fiasco. While senior leaders like V Muraleedharan and Sobha Surendran refused to comment, former state president C K Padmanabhan said the party should probe the reasons for the defeat. However, Palakkad district committee member Surendran Tharoor, state committee member C V Sajini and and national council member N Sivarajan blamed candidate selection for the loss. The fact that the party has poll lesser votes than the 2016 Assembly election has annoyed the leaders.

"It is the unilateral selection of candidate that led to the fiasco. A majority of the party leaders were against C Krishnakumar, who has contested six elections during the past nine years. He had contested municipal election in 2015, Assembly elections in 2016 and 2021 and Lok Sabha elections in 2019 and 2024. He had tried to make his wife chairperson of Palakkad municipality in January. It is an A class constituency for the BJP and the party should have fielded a high profile candidate like E Sreedharan. We have to attract 10,000 votes above the party votes and a candidate like Sobha Surendran would have helped to achieve the feat," said a state level functionary.

The Kottikkalasam show of NDA candidate Thushar Vellappally held in Kottayam | VISHNU PRATHAP

Though the BJP had started preparations for the election two months in advance, the party could not counter allegations regarding Kodakara scam effectively. The allegations raised by Sandeep Varier reflected the sentiments of party workers in the constituency, but the leadership failed to appease him. Sandeep Varier had waited for a week expecting the intervention of the state leadership to solve the issue, but nobody turned up. A phone call from state president would have appeased him. But the leadership forced him to leave the party.

The RSS was also not happy with the selection of candidate. The senior sangh leaders were hurt as Krishnakumar did not visit the Karyalaya in Palakkad or seek their support. While a section of RSS workers toiled hard at the grass root level, disgruntled workers of BJP and RSS were inactive, which reflected in the results. There is a sharp decline in BJP vote share in its strong holds in the municipal area, which means party votes have drained to the UDF.

In TG, cabinet expansion back on agenda

ENS @ Hyderabad

WITH the completion of Maharashtra and Jharkhand elections, the long-pending Cabinet expansion has come to the forefront again. In less than a fortnight, the Congress government will complete its first year in office, with six Cabinet berths still vacant out of a total of 18. It is learnt that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will meet with his party's high command to seek approval for his choices.

Revanth will be visiting Delhi to attend the wedding of Speaker Om Birla's daughter. However, there is speculation within party circles that the CM is expected to raise the issue of Cabinet expansion during his visit.

FOLK ROCKS

Artistes perform Kandakarnan Thira during the World Heritage Week organised by the Kerala Government in Kozhikode on Sunday | EGOKUL

Sabarimala's revenue touches Rs 41.64cr within 9 days of opening

Pathanamthitta: Sabarimala witnessed a huge turnout, doubling last year's count of pilgrims within 9 days of its opening for the Mandalam-Makaravilakku season, while the revenue touched a little over `41 crore. Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) president P S Prashanth said the temple's income for the first nine days of the season has reached `41.64 crore, an increase of `13.37 crore as compared to the same period last year. The number of pilgrims visiting the temple until Saturday stood at approximately 6.12 lakh. Among the key offerings, the sale of aravana fetched `17.71 crore , he said at the Sannidhanam Devaswom Board Guest House. Highlighting the overwhelming response to spot booking centres, Prashanth said that no devotee will miss the opportunity for darshan of Lord Ayyappa as the Devaswom Board has implemented real-time online booking at Pampa, allowing all those who present a copy of their Aadhaar card to secure their spots. The TDB president also urged devotees to strictly adhere to the directive issued by Tantri Kandararu Rajeevaru, which prohibits carrying plastic materials in their Irumudikettu.

Rare burning swing sacrificial monuments found in Koppal

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Koppal

TWO burning swing sacrificial monuments have been found near a lake at Bilagi village in Kushtagi taluk of Koppal district. The burning swing is called "Uri Uyyale" in Kannada. These rare monuments describe the sacrifices made by people around 1,000 years ago. Such monuments were found earlier in Mandya, Gadag, Dharwad and Chamarajanagar, according to historians.

In the past, people used to set themselves afire sitting or standing on a swing (offering themselves to Agnideva, the God of fire) to bless their childless rulers with sons or daughters.

Some used to perform this ritual to attain moksha, according to inscriptions on the monuments. However, these are considered as sacrificial monuments. These rituals were performed in the temples of goddesses. People even performed these rituals for the victory of their kings in wars, according to historians.

Cong gave tough fight to BJP in money, liquor flow, says Hariprasad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mangaluru

SENIOR Congress leader and MLC **BK Hariprasad** on Sunday said that the Congress gave a tough fight to BJP when it came to the flow of money, liquor and other allurements in the three bypolls held recently in the state.

Responding to the media persons' query on the BJP's allegations that the Ruling Congress flowed money to win the bypolls, Hariprasad said that he will not deny that the Grand Old Party did not spend money adding that all parties did it. Further, he said all parties competed with each other in the flow of money, but the Congress got the advantage of implementing guarantees and strongly advocating social justice. To another query, he said "We are not Sathya Harishchandra wearing saffron robes, and won't resort to hypocrisy".

Hariprasad said Channapatna, Shiggaon and Sandur have voted for peace. He said the voters gave a fitting reply to the BJP for spreading lies by leveling baseless allegations on the Congress government over alleged scams and the Waqf row. "People reposed faith in the Ruling Congress as it gave good governance during the last one of half years and ensured peace and harmony in the society," he said.

Hariprasad said the the victory of BJP in Maharashtra where Dalits, Minorities and Marathas are in significant numbers has led to suspicion of rigging. He alleged that the polling percentage in that state increased by 15% even after the polling ended and money was carried in containers for distribution. He accused Election Commission of India being hand in glove in the BJP in Maharashtra.

In Jharkhand, where he was the election in-charge of Congress campaign, Hariprasad said the seven guarantees of the party supported JMM government led by Hemanth Soren and helped the party come back to power.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Proposed LRs of Respondent No.2 i.e., R2(a) & R2(b)
Vide order dated: 15.11.2024
R.F.A.No. 375/2007

S. Ravi Kumar ...Appellants
(By Sriyuths: C. Hanumantha Rao & R.S. Umesh advs. for appellant)
V/s Thimmaiah Dead by Lrs.
Smt. Kenchamma & Others ...Respondents
(By Sri. Shreenevasa K.L. adv. for R1 to R6)

To: Proposed LRs of deceased Respondent No.2:

02.a) SMT. SHIVAMMA W/O LATE KONDA MUNIYAPPA
02.b) SRI. SRINIVAS S/O LATE KONDA MUNIYAPPA BOTH ARE R/AT BAGALUR VILLAGE & POST, JALA HOBLI, BENGALURU NORTH TALUK.

Appeal from the Judgment & Decree dated: 06.11.2006 passed in OS.No.30/2006 on the file of the Civil Judge (Sr.Dn.) & JMFC, Devanahalli.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal on **03.01.2025** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, this the **15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR.

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NO/KSWC/COM-2/H&T Tender/06-Centres/1818/2024-25 DATE: 20.11.2024

TENDER NOTICE

The Corporation invites tenders through kpp Portal for appointing contractors for Handling and Transportation of food grains Fertilizers, and other notified commodities received from bulk depositors at **(1) Mandya U-II-FCI (2) Mandya U-II-Fertilizer (3) Tumakuru U-I-Fertilizer (4) Bellary U-II- Fertilizer (5) Haveri-Fertilizer (6) Raichur U-II - Fertilizer (7) Hospet-Fertilizer warehouse Centers.** The interested tenderer may download tender documents, terms and conditions and other details available on the website: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in /kppp** and submit filled tender in kpp Portal on or **before 10.12.2024 upto 5.00 p.m.**

For more details the tenderers may refer website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kpppor** contact help line **080-46010000 / 8068948777 / 8277070838.**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/RO3359/AAPL/2024-25 **MANAGING DIRECTOR, KSWC.**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,85,53,060/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Five Lakh Fifty Three Thousand and Sixty only)** as on **18-11-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **19-11-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Aravind Infracon India Private Limited, No.1208, 2nd Floor, 41st Cross, 26th Main, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore - 560092. No.2) Mr. J.V. Krishna Reddy, S/o. Lakshmi Reddy Janke, No.502, SARVAJIT HEIGHTS Apartment, Gottigere, Bannerghata Road, Bangalore - 560083. No.3) Mrs. J. Padmaja Reddy, W/o. J.V. Krishna Reddy, No.502, SARVAJIT HEIGHTS Apartment, Gottigere, Bannerghata Road, Bangalore - 560083.**

Notes : 1) That our **236 - Bengaluru-J.P. Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC : 501912090016369) dated **04-09-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Director for which No.2 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 11,64,000/-** at a ROI of **13%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **31-03-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **18-11-2024** is **Rs.20,37,022/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand and Twenty Two only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **19-11-2024** till the date of realization.

2) That our **236 - Bengaluru-J.P. Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (OTHER HOUSING LOAN > 25 L : 501312030005641) dated **29-10-2015** requested by No.3 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.35,50,000/-** at a ROI of **12%** outstanding balance as on **18-11-2024** is **Rs. 52,57,781/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **19-11-2024** till the date of realization No.3 of you had mortgaged Reg.MOD dated **29-10-2015.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Property - 2 : (Properties Owned by Mrs. J. Padmaja Reddy, W/o. J.V. Krishna Reddy)

Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No. 121/1 present BBMP Khatha No.850/ 4464/1, 4444/21 duly converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purpose by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)31/ 1997-98 dated 20-10-1997 and renewed Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR3/2006-07 dated 13-02-2017 V.P.Khatha No. 4444-49 & 4464-67 situated at Gottigere Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore measuring East to West 145 ft. and North to South in the Western side 64 ft. and Eastern side 65 ft. and bounded on : East by : Property in Sy. No. 122/1, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Property Nos. 20,15 & 3.

Schedule - B

All that residential flat bearing No. T1 in the terrace floor in the apartment building known as SARVAJIT HEIGHT having a super built up area of 2,800 Sq. ft. constructed on the Schedule A property and together with 900 Sq. ft. undivided Share, Right , Title and interest in the Schedule A property consisting of One living room, One dining hall, Three bed rooms, One meditation room, One Kitchen, Two toilets and bathrooms with all civic amenities like Water Sanitary Electricity with Lift and Common Power back Generator facilities along with right to use, Car Parking No.T 1 area at Basement Floor and other amenities in the Schedule A - property.

Reserve Price : Rs.72,00,000/-
(Rupees Seventy Two Lakh only) (For Schedule - A & Schedule - B)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
13-12-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - J.P. Nagar Branch, 253, 16th Cross, 5th Phase 24th Main, J.P. Nagar, Bangaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560078. Telephone No.080-26581910, Cell No. 7483060907.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru J.P. Nagar Branch, 253, 16th Cross, 5th Phase 24th Main, J.P. Nagar, Bangaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560078. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-26581910, Cell No. 7483060907. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 22-11-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No.0435-2402322, Fax: 0435-2431746, Website: www.cityunionbank.com

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MG Road, Bengaluru - 560001

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **11.12.2024,** for recovery due to the Indian Bank, Secured Creditor, from the Borrowers. The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Indian Bank, Richmond Circle Branch Ph. No:94498 64133

Sl No.1: Name of the Borrowers:)1) Mr K V PRAKASH (borrower) S/o Lt Venkatesaiah AMRUTURU, Hobli Kunigal Korati K. Honnamachanahalli Tumkur Karnataka 572111.2)Mrs Meenakshi (Co Borrower) W/o K V PrakashAMRUTURU, Hobli Kunigal Korati K. Honnamachanahalli Tumkur Karnataka 572111 .3) Mr Krishna (Guarantor) S/o NarayanaNo 7, 2 nd cross, Ramaih layout Peeniya 2 nd stage Bangalore 560058. Amount Recovery : Rs. 25,27,956.00/- (Twenty five lakh twenty seven thousand nine hundred fifty six only)) (as on 30.09.2024)) Pls Interest and expenses thereon. **Detailed description of the Property:**All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Western portion of site no 101 present BBMP Khatha no 101/1/995 situated at Layout formed by Guest Keen Wiliams PPD Employees House building Co- op society (GKW) in the lands formed in sy no 111/1,111/2A,111/3 of Laggere village Yeshwanthapur Hobli , Bangalore North Taluk , measuring East to west : towards northern side 1 feet towards southern side 18 feet , north to south towards eastern side 40 feet and western side 44.6 feet totally 401.85 Sq feet Bounded by the following boundaries Bounded by: East By: remaining portion of site no 101 West By: private property North by: site no 12 outh By: 40 feet road

Encumbrances on property	Nil
Reserve Price	**Rs.16,00,000/-**
EMD Amount	**Rs.1,60,000/-**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs.10,000/-**
Date and time of e-auction	**11.12.2024, 10.00 am to 5.00pm**
Property ID No	**IDIB6562636511**

Contact Person: 1. Prabhakar Sarma K-AO_ 7731006151
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Indian Bank, Jayanagar 4th Block Branch, Ph. No:8050291621

Sl.No.2: Name of the Borrowers:1.Nalini Narasimha (Borrower) Flat no 305, 3 rd floor,"Adithya Prestige apartment" Near Seegehalli lake,K R Puram Hobli,Bangalore .Add NO 59 4TH CROSS NEAR YELAMMATEMPLE SRINIVAGILU VIVEK NAGAR Chikkagubbi OG Bangalore. **2.Yadavan D (Co-borrower)** Flat no 305, 3 rd floor, "Adithya Prestige apartment"Near Seegehalli lake,K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore, Amount Recovery :40,21,774.00 (Rs. Forty lakh twenty one thousand seven hundred seventy four only) (as on 01.08.2024) due Pls Interest and expenses thereon. **Detailed description of the Property :Schedule A Property:**

Item No.	Khatha No	Extent areas of land/building	Location Sub-District/ District/Village / Municipality etc.	Boundaries for entire property
1	All the piece and parcel of an immovable property bearing old no:30 new property no:30/1A3 ,Khatha no:30/1A3/30	**East to west: 84 feet North to South : 60 feet Totally measuring 5040 Sq.feet.**	Property situated at Seegehalli village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk now property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.	East: Reaming portion of same Sy.no:30/1A3 West: Road and remaining portion of same Sy.no: 30/1 A3. North : 10 feet Road & remaining property of the Vendors ,South: Property No.30/1A4 belongs to Smt Chinnamma.

Schedule "B" Property
(Undivided right, title and interest)258 Sq.feet of undivided share, right, title and interest as described in Schedule A Property
Schedule "C" Property-(Description of Flat)
All that Piece and parcel of Apartment bearing No. Flat no:305, on the Third Floor situated at "ADITHYAPRESTIGE" constructed on the Schedule "A" containing Two Bedrooms with attachedbathroom, Living, kitchen-etc, along with one covered car parking space together with 258 sq feet of undivided share right title and interest in the land described in the schedule "A" property.

Encumbrances on property	Indian Bank
Reserve Price	**Rs. 35,00,000.00**
EMd Amount	**Rs. 3,50,000.00**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs. 10,000.00**
Date and time of e-auction	**11.12.2024, 10.00 am to 5.00pm**
Property ID No	**IDIB50414467269**

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Contact Person: 1. (Mr. VIKAS CHANDRA PRABHAKAR, 9449864113) 2. (Mr. SAMEER KALRA, 8050291621)

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Date:22.11.2024 **Sd/-Authorised Officer,**
Place :Bangalore **Indian Bank**

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE
Original Application No.1391/2023
CANARA BANK, Vimanapura Branch ...Applicant
Versus
Sastha Digital Prints Pvt. Ltd., & Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendant No. 1 to 3 and 5

Sastha Digital Prints Pvt Ltd., No. 2, Narayanapura Main Road, B. Narayanapura Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru - 560 016.
Sri Prakash S. S/o Siddappa, No. 19, 20th Cross, Laxmipura Ulsoor, Bangalore North - 560 008
Sri Babu C. L S/o. Lakshmaiah, R/at: #G-73, 3rd Cross, Sri Ramagiri Hal, Airport Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 017.
Sri Elanchezhiyan S/o. Gopal M., R/at: No. 5, 1st Cross, Annasandrapalya Post, Bengaluru - 560 017.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.52,34,776/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six Only) mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defense within 30 days from the date of publication or on **16.01.2025 at 10.30 am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **07.10.2024.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I
Bangalore

Advocate for Applicant Bank
Mrs. Malini Vinay

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POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank VIMANAPURA Branch (10411)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice 13(2) dated **10.09.2024** calling upon the Borrower/s: **(1) Smt. Mary Madhi Reena** W/o Manuvel L, Residing At # 22, 2nd Cross, BDA Layout, 5th Main Road, Sudhama Nagar, Bangalore-560075 And **(2) Shri. Manuvel L** S/o Lorduswamy, Residing At # 22, 2nd Cross, BDA Layout, 5th Main Road, Sudhama Nagar, Bangalore-560075 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.36,71,290.64** (Rupees Thirty-Six Lakh Seventy-One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety and Paise Sixty Four Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **20th day of November of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.36,29,968.34** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight And Paisa Thirty Four Only) as on **19.11.2024** plus interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Movable & Immovable Property:
Name of Title holder : (1) Smt. Mary Madhi Reena, W/o Manuvel L.
(2) Shri. Manuvel L S/o Lorduswamy.

All the piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing Flat No.202, situated in the second floor of the apartment building known as "GSR ENCLAVE", having super built up area of 1090 Sq Ft consisting of Two bed rooms with RCC Roof, Vitrified flooring, main door made of teakwood and the remaining door with well flush shutters aluminium windows and with all civic amenities like water, sanitary and electricity, lift, staircase, generator facilities with one covered car parking facility provided in the stilt floor along with 268 Sq. Ft of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing converted Sy. No. 113/18, presented BBMP Khata No.195/Sy. No.113/18 converted from agriculture to Non agriculture residential purpose wide conversion order No. ALN (EVH) SR:11/14.15 dated 29/11/2014 issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore situated at Sri Rama Temple Road, LSB Nagar, Annasandra Palya, Vibhuthipura Village (Earlier Varthur Hobli) presently Marathahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560017 totally measuring 6½ Guntas and bounded on the : East by: Road, West by: Land Sy. No.113/2, North by: Sy. No.113/19A, South by: Land Sy. No. 113/17.

Date : 20.11.2024 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

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EDITORIAL

"The mission of judges is to secure a steady, upright, and impartial administration of the laws" — Alexander Hamilton

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— Ramnath Goenka

MESSAGE FROM THE MAHA MANDATE FOR LISTLESS CONGRESS

WHEN electoral fortunes swing at the slimmest of margins, a close look at the contributors of the incremental votes and the other accompanying factors is warranted. Take Haryana. With just 0.9 percent addition to its vote share vis-a-vis the 2019 assembly polls, the BJP snatched a handsome victory from the jaws of defeat and retained power. In Maharashtra, the accretion in the BJP vote share as compared to its performance in the Lok Sabha elections six months ago was barely 0.59 percent. Yet, it posted its best-ever performance with 132 seats, 13 short of a simple majority in a 288-member assembly. In the process, it notched up a stunning 89 percent strike rate (seats fought vs won) against the Congress' 16. The general elections gave the BJP a wake-up call as it had slumped to nine Lok Sabha seats from 23 in 2019. The debacle prompted a reset and persuaded the party to rollout pro-poor programmes like the Ladki Bahin scheme of a monthly dole to 2.2 crore women, an adaptation of a Congress idea. Synergising its foot soldiers with the RSS network established booth-level connectivity to get every possible vote polled.

As stellar as the BJP's performance was that of both its allies, the Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and the NCP of Ajit Pawar with strike rates of 71.3 percent and 69.5 percent, respectively. Caste consolidation happened and the scare of constitutional shake-up to deny quotas wore off. Voters snubbed the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance that was high on ambition to lead the government but lacked internal harmony. There was no visible fire in the Congress belly, content as it was with working for the dynasty's personal glory. How else does one explain the disproportionate attention of party big hitters in Wayanad for Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's sureshot seat when better time management could have bettered its prospects elsewhere. Multiple rallies of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka got cancelled in Maharashtra for various reasons.

Jharkhand was a study in contrast, as the JMM was charged up following the arrest of Chief Minister Hemant Soren by the Enforcement Directorate in a land fraud. It spawned the emergence of his spouse Kalpana as the biggest vote catcher in the tribal belt. His emphatic victory is an object lesson on how to play the game right in the face of an existential crisis.

TRICKY REALMS OF FAIR MARKET IN TECH SPACE

INDIA'S anti-trust regulator has once again cracked the whip on another big tech player—this time Meta, the owner of Facebook, Whatsapp and Instagram. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed ₹213 crore for 'forcing' users of Whatsapp to share data with other Meta companies. The action comes at a time when the US and European regulators are also tightening screws on these companies, which the authorities feel are a threat to data privacy, competition, and fair play in business. The Indian authorities have in the past also had a brush with these firms amid growing fear of them using their dominant position to put users in non-negotiable situations. Big tech companies' growing clout and influence is a big concern globally but putting a leash on them is easier said than done, especially for Indian authorities. Most of these companies are US-based and any action on them would be seen from a geopolitical and diplomatic perspective. With President-elect Donald Trump set to take charge soon, India will have to tread more tactfully while dealing with these firms.

There are other reasons why India needs to be more circumspect while dealing with technology companies. India takes pride in the digital public infrastructure it has created, which in turn needs the support of big tech companies – global or domestic. If the UPI is a success today, it is because of PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm. Both Google Pay and PhonePe are owned by US companies. Amazon remains the biggest e-commerce platforms in the country with Flipkart – a home-grown entity now owned by Walmart—being the distant second. Both are being investigated by the CCI for their alleged misuse of dominant positions. Recently, Zomato and Swiggy—both homegrown companies—have also come under scrutiny of the anti-trust regulator. The CCI has always maintained that while it is mindful of the tendency of big technology companies to monopolise the market, it is also seized of the matter that it cannot outstep its mandate and choke innovations. However, data privacy and security concerns add a new dimension to debate over controlling big tech companies. Given these aspects, the role of the CCI in ensuring fair competition in the market becomes very tricky.

QUICK TAKE

ART GOING BANANAS

IT'S the frothiest example of "irrational exuberance" on behalf of an art buyer. A banana duct-taped to the wall fetched a staggering $6.2 million at an auction this week, up from $120,000 it sold for five years ago. Maurizio Cattelan's work, 'Comedian', pokes fun at the art world itself—in the way Marcel Duchamp did in the early 20th century by exhibiting found objects like a urinal. It also belongs to a streak of postmodern conceptual art that holds the artist just needs to think—execution can be another matter. The joke is on the buyers who put their money where the prank is.

In some contexts, the court under CJI Chandrachud's leadership fell short of expectations. There is no point in creating physical spaces and amenities without upholding the essence of justice

BALANCING THE INTERESTS OF STATE & JUSTICE SEEKERS

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SOURAV ROY

THE soul of justice cannot be enclosed in world-class brick and mortar structures just as the cause of liberty is not served by sermons in structured judgements. The constitutional protection for the right to privacy is not ensured by declaring it as a fundamental right but by holding 'unconstitutional' intrusive acts of the state through its enforcement agents. Upholding constitutional values is in the nature of a sacrament; any willful infraction or apparent insouciance in protecting those values makes the justice delivery system suspect in the eyes of the public.

Over a billion people in our country are watching how our courts attempt to balance the interests of the state with the interests of those seeking justice. For a polity as divisive as one prevailing since 2014, the constant vigil of the court is the only way to ensure our constitutional values are safe.

Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud's tenure was high on optics and somewhat low on delivery. The court under his stewardship often compromised even on liberty, of which he was ostensibly a champion. His majoritarian tilt, reflected in some of his judgements, was worrisome. At the heart of the justice delivery system is the ability of the court to stand up to the excesses of the executive; to speak truth to power. The court's record in that endeavour has been rather weak.

Despite this, Chief Justice Chandrachud, who became a judge of the Supreme Court on May 13, 2016, has many landmarks to his credit. The frenetic energy he demonstrated over the years, especially during his tenure as the CJI since November 2022, in creating inclusive infrastructural facilities for the court and lawyers has won him accolades. Sensing the inadequacy of the existing infrastructure, he single-handedly facilitated the proposed construction of a new building within the Supreme Court premises, which will have world-class facilities both in terms of court rooms as well as space for practising lawyers and litigants seeking justice.

He endeared himself to members of the Bar, in particular the younger members, by his exemplary conduct in court and the patience he demonstrated when hearing matters. His initiatives were transformational in many respects. For example, moving away from physical filing to digital record-keeping has transformed access to justice, live-streaming of court proceedings in constitutional matters has brought it closer to people, and simultaneous translation of court proceedings has allowed for accuracy and contemporaneous recording, which facilitates lawyers to make their submissions with greater clarity.

The cafeteria facilities for lawyers, modernisation of facilities for the Bar, conceptualising a new building for resolution of disputes through arbitration are certainly initiatives for which he will be fondly remembered.

The chief justice wondered about his own legacy. But what he should have wondered more about is the legacy of the court he left behind. In this context, the court under his leadership fell short of expectations.

Part of the problem is the diktat of the Master of the Roster in assigning cases that concern our fundamental freedoms, the future not only of the polity but of the nation as well. Each one of us at the Bar is aware of the likely outcome of a case when assigned to a particular judge. Eyebrows were raised when certain cases dealing with fundamental freedoms were assigned to particular benches. That is one area where, I believe, the court requires to evolve a procedure that does not evoke suspicion or controversy.

While the then chief justice must be given credit for deciding long-pending constitutional matters, one felt that matters of political significance requiring urgent attention were not listed. The Shiv Sena matter was pending for over a year, giving legitimacy to a government that was constitutionally suspect. Eknath Shinde, Ajit Pawar and their lot should, I believe, have been disqualified long ago. The future of our democracy depends on the quick disposal of such matters. Had those matters been heard, the outcome of Saturday's election results in Maharashtra would have been entirely different.

Despite the fact that the PMLA judgement was under review, the matter has been kept pending for years. The Enforcement Directorate has been merrily misusing its powers by continuing to destabilise many opposition-ruled state governments. Had the law been settled in time, the future of the polity of our nation might well have been different.

Amendments to existing laws were carried out by including them in the Finance Bill, thereby terming them as 'money bills'. That matter too has not been heard for years. Not deciding matters relating to the polity of our country indirectly benefited the government in power. That indeed is a matter of great concern. We have also seen, on many past occasions, that matters relating to defection were not heard for years till the term of the assembly was over.

Oppressive statutory provisions relating to bail being upheld by court required to be revisited. That too did not happen. Rampant bulldozer justice, including open threats to the minorities, did not evoke a *suo motu* proceeding, nor did the open threat of violence by those at the forefront of the dharma sansads.

The court, I believe, is an institution that can set right the course if events in the polity go astray. The real challenge India faces relates to the slow but steady diminishing of our syncretic culture. That's what needs protection. The onslaught of majoritarianism, induction of those committed to an ideology into the judicial system, destroys the very fabric of our country. The judge needs to be independent of a political ideology when administering justice.

The induction of such judges and transfer of judges who attempted to stand up to the executive at the same time does not bode well for our judiciary. The CJI who allowed this to happen must take the blame. He was the author of a judgement that held that no further intrusion into religious places of worship was to be allowed. However, disregarding his own judgement, he allowed intrusion in the *Gyanvapi* case.

When it mattered, he fell short. There is no point in creating physical spaces and amenities without upholding the very essence of justice, which is its soul.

(Views are personal)
(Tweets @KapilSibal)

THE GORY TALE OF A VARANASI PRINCE

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

I had occasion to revisit the Jatakas recently and was much struck by the ferocity of the *Maha Sutasoma Jataka*, which is Number 537 in the Pali canon. Why were such stark stories told, I wondered. But the answer was apparent at once. The Jatakas were cautionary tales meant to teach the dreadful consequences of vice and why destructive habits should be shunned.

This story goes that the Buddha, in a previous birth as a Bodhisattva, was a prince and sent to study at Taxila university. His best friend there was the prince of Varanasi. The Bodhisattva was the topper and tutored his friend. Eventually, they both went home and became kings. The prince of Varanasi never ate a meal without meat and continued doing so as king.

One day, some dogs got into the royal kitchen and ate up all the meat. The terrified cook didn't know what to do. He rushed to a cemetery, cut off a part of a freshly-buried corpse, and cooked that.

The king found it so delicious that he questioned the cook closely and the cook confessed. But instead of being properly revolted, the depraved king told him to serve human flesh every day. The Jataka says this unnatural desire was because the king had been a goblin in his previous birth who frequently ate human flesh.

The cook was ordered to source flesh from the prisoners in the city jail. This went on until the prison was empty. Then the cannibal king told his cook to drop a bag with one thousand coins in the street and take anyone who picked it up to be cooked. But soon, people learned it was a trap and avoided all unclaimed bags—which sadly reminds us of warnings against terrorist bombs in unclaimed bags today.

So, the king told his cook to hide by a road and kill people at random to obtain their flesh. The city fell into utter panic.

A crowd of agitated citizens stormed into the palace courtyard and begged their king to find the killer. When he flatly refused to do anything, to their great dismay and puzzlement—was he not their king and protector?—they turned in despair to the senapati, the commander-in-chief of the army.

The senapati himself had been waiting impatiently for royal orders to catch the killer and was on the brink of taking it up with the king. He was shocked by the king's response and being a good man with a strong sense of public duty, he ordered his soldiers to hide throughout the city. They soon discovered and captured the cook. He was beaten up and confessed. When the cook was taken to face the king, the king had nowhere to hide. He owned up to the disgusting and frightening fact that the cook was merely acting on his orders. But he declared defiantly that he would never give up eating human flesh.

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> The cannibal king was said to be an earlier birth of Angulimala, the dreaded bandit who cut off a finger from each person he murdered and wore them around his neck in a gristly garland. But the Bodhisattva converted him into a gentle, enlightened person

The horrified commander-in-chief told the cannibal king that he would be driven out of the city if he did not stop, and would come to a sorry end like what happened to a young man who would not give up alcohol.

This young man was the only son of a wealthy family, and thoroughly virtuous. But one day, his friends tricked him into drinking alcohol for the first time by pouring some fiery liquor into cups made of lotus leaves and telling the young man it was lotus nectar. He drank it down and got drunk, which he unfortunately enjoyed very much.

So, he and his friends kept drinking, and when they ran out of liquor, the young man pawned his gold signet ring to buy more. He went home in total disarray and passed out. His father reasoned gently with him at first. He told him to never drink again because they were a respected family and if their reputation was destroyed, so would their business. But, the son refused and was duly kicked out of home. He died a wretched death as a beggar on the streets.

However, the cannibal king was unmoved by this story. As a final attempt, the commander-in-chief brought out the cannibal king's wife and children and asked him to choose between them and eating human flesh. But, the king refused and had to be driven out of Varanasi with the cook. He camped under a banyan tree by the highway and killed wayfarers for food. One day, when no victim appeared, he killed and ate the cook.

The Bodhisattva was then urgently sent for to do something about his friend, and went boldly to him. The Bodhisattva prayed that his friend should live a healthy, happy life for a hundred years. This pleased the cannibal king so much that he granted the Bodhisattva a wish.

At once, the Bodhisattva asked the cannibal king to stop eating people. But he laughed uproariously and refused, and told the Bodhisattva to make some other wish. But the Bodhisattva wouldn't give up, and managed, through several moral stories, to fill the cannibal king with a great fear of hell and a strong desire for heaven.

Finally, the cannibal king's hard heart cracked itself free of his terrible addiction. He broke into tears and promised to stop. He threw himself at the Bodhisattva's feet and prayed for redemption.

The cannibal king, says the Jataka, was an earlier birth of Angulimala, the dreaded bandit who cut off a finger from each person he murdered and wore them around his neck in a gristly garland. But the Buddha converted him into a gentle, enlightened person. A terrifying story against harmful addictions, is it not?

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Decisive mandate

Ref: *The clock strikes saffron, again* (Nov 24). The Mahayuti, an alliance comprising the BJP and the breakaway factions of the Shiv Sena and NCP, has won a decisive mandate in the assembly elections. The future of two prominent leaders—Sharad Pawar, whose nephew Ajit has stolen both the party and the mandate, and Uddhav Thackeray, ditched by long-time Balasaheb acolyte Eknath Shinde—is clearly in limbo.
C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Women's goddess

Ref: *How a queen became a goddess* (Nov 24). I'm not sure about other places in India, but all over Tamil Nadu, there are Draupadi Amman temples in almost every village. The reason is very simple: many people, especially unlettered womenfolk, worship Draupadhi Amman as their goddess.
S Anantharaman, Chennai

Researching fame

There must be a valid reason for Draupadi of the Mahabharata to be worshipped as a venerable deity in the southern states, especially Tamil Nadu. This may be a good topic of research for PhD students, as it would give further impetus to the fact that India is one nation and was so in ancient times too.
G Nataraja Perumal, Elathur

MVA's downfall

Ref: *BJP gets its Maha mantra right, Cong loses more mojo* (Nov 24). The unprecedented electoral victory of Mahayuti in Maharashtra is truly historic. The divisive politics played out by the MVA has fallen flat on its face. The power of women voters was clearly visible in the elections.
K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Maharashtra's CM?

In Maharashtra, people have given a clear mandate to BJP and its allies. As the BJP emerged as the single largest party, morally the chief minister should be from BJP itself, not from its allies. If the BJP gives the CM seat to its allies to appease them, it will be against the will of the people of Maharashtra.
T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Priyanka's victory

Ref: *Priyanka betters Rahul victory margin* (Nov 24). The impressive victory margin of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in her recent electoral win, surpassing even her brother Rahul's margin in Wayanad, marks a significant moment for the Congress. It's a reflection of her growing influence and ability to connect with the electorate, offering a glimmer of hope for the party's revival.
Nisha Rai Soni, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
This victory is a resounding response from the people of Maharashtra to Uddhav Thackeray ji's betrayal of their vote.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
In democracy, true victory comes from the people, not from the system. The victory behind which there is deception is a false victory.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
So @CBIHeadquarters finds time to call my friends yet again to unearth the two missing lipsticks but can't start a PoCA investigation into ₹2,100 crore bribery scam being investigated by FBI into Adani.

'CHINA A WORLD FACTORY, BUT THAT'S A RISK'

India's BRICS sherpa Dammu Ravi explains the country's emerging challenges in the 19th edition of Delhi Dialogues

IN the latest edition of Delhi Dialogues, **Dammu Ravi**, secretary (economic relations), Ministry of External Affairs, discusses the emerging international challenges for India in the face of increasing tensions involving global powers. Ravi is also India's BRICS sherpa. **Excerpts:**

Santwana Bhattacharya: Give us an omniverse idea summing up BRICS appearing to change the axis of world order, the primacy of Bretton Woods, Trump's likely new tariff regime and its unprecedented effect, Europe staring at a gradual eclipse and West Asia in turmoil.

The BRICS summit in Kazan was successfully pulled off by Putin. He used the occasion to project his profile, given that there are tensions around the world in which he is directly involved, including in Ukraine. Four of the new BRICS members are very close to the West Asian crisis. In the first close session in Kazan, political and strategic issues were discussed. The open session was on industry and business. A lot of economic issues, including the issue of currency came up, including de-dollarization.

But purely in terms of BRICS and its weight, my view is that BRICS will have a role. At least 34 more countries across Latin America, Africa and Asia have expressed interest to be members of the BRICS. Out of 34, 13 have now become partner countries.

Many doubts have been raised about the stature of BRICS -- there is G20, and G7. The BRICS is seen to be a China-Russia-led group. BRICS is not in competition with G20 and G7. An attraction for many countries (to join BRICS) is the NDB (National Development Bank). Since the time the Bretton Woods institutions created the multilateral development banks, and the conditionalities that are attached to providing assistance to countries, countries are even more indebted. So, they are looking at alternatives. The NDB is a good attraction.

One of the other interesting discussions happening in BRICS is the trade settlement in national currencies. It's already happening -- China is doing most of its trade in the Yuan.

Shahid Faridi: How strong is our position as far as trade in local currency is concerned, especially when rupee is not fully convertible?

The PM has already announced that our long-term objective is full convertibility of rupee at some stage. But that's still a long way to go. We have taken some steps -- in the past one year, out of 35 countries we had proposed to trade in national currencies, we have done so with 22 successfully.

Preetha Nair : The LAC thaw and icebreaker between Modi and Xi Jinping at Kazan couldn't have come at a better time for the two Asian powers. Will this have any positive impact on bilateral trade dynamics?

It is a larger question in the context of Indo-China. We don't have an FTA with China, but our trade is $130 billion and overwhelmingly in favour of China. Our imports from China are $100 billion and we export about $30 billion. When your industry is growing, it needs those components and it will source it from wherever. But this kind of an imbalance in the trade relationship is a concern. There is a concentration of the global supply chains. China is almost like the world's factory, manufacturing almost everything that the world wants. But that's a risk because then you are actually forfeiting your sovereign right and your autonomy to one particular country or one particular region. To address this challenge, we have to develop our supply chains.

Dipak Mondal: Recently, the Niti Aayog CEO said that not joining RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) was a mistake. What is your view on that as you played a key role in the negotiations?

Let me tell you honestly, the deal was good. We had all the good intentions, but you have to understand the government changed in between. So, when we took the decision to join RCEP, UPA was in power and a significant part of the negotiations happened during that time. So, there was a disconnect in the understanding of the merits of it. There were also doubts if it is going to yield us any benefit. It's a political call.

Monika Yadav: What is the update on the India Middle East Economic Corridor?

This is a decision taken during the G20 meet. The Prime Minister himself took the lead and it was a very good initiative because it's also connecting many countries within the region, including Israel and the Middle East. The discussions went off very well until the West Asia crisis impacted it. We are hopping, India and UAE, the two countries not affected so much by those tensions, to keep working towards it.

Dipak Mondal: With Trump becoming the President, how do you think it will impact India's economic and trade relations with the US?

Let me take up Trump's tariff's issue first. Trump introduced tariffs on steel and aluminium -- he did 25% on the steel and 10% on aluminum across the board. Separately, he raised the tariff on Chinese products as well. He gave some concessions to a few countries, but most countries were affected by it, including India. Biden also did not relax (the tariffs). He also introduced high levels of tariff walls. Statistically speaking, the revenue collection as a consequence of the tariff increase was only $233 billion over eight years. For an economy which is in trillions of dollars, it's peanuts.

For China to survive, the industry has to survive; it has to export 30% of the goods produced in China for the economy to remain competitive. China enjoys a significant trade surplus with the US with $425 billion exports.

When you suddenly introduce tariff walls, it is a violation of the WTO's most favoured nation (MFN) norms. But the Americans have made WTO dispute settlement dysfunctional. Now, let's look at Trump 2.0. He's already declared India as a Tariff King, so we will have to be disciplined with tariffs. But he has also said 60% tariff on Chinese imports and 10% on imports from other countries.

My view is that big nations generally tend to settle the differences. If tariffs by Trump are going to be significantly high for us, then we have to negotiate with Trump.

Santwana Bhattacharya: Can you really explain how we are going to deal with the Trump administration, given his anti-globalisation stance? Also, how are we going to deal with China?

Whether Trump believes in globalization or not, it is his view. So, I will not challenge that. But I feel the world is increasingly getting closer thanks to technology. As far as bilateral relations between India and the US are concerned, we have a very strong relationship. We have close ties, not only through trade and investments, but also through technology. A lot of innovations in the US are driven by the Indian brainpower.

Now, let's come to the China question. Till now we do not know why China did what it did in Galwan in 2020. China is a big economy, it is going to impact the world in many ways. And whatever it does, it will impact the neighbourhood. But you cannot open up your economy if you don't have peace on the border.

Shahid Faridi: BRICS countries have decided to conduct their trade in local currencies. Do you think it can challenge the dominance of the dollar in international trade?

Let's look at the global trade architecture and the financial architecture. The global financial reserves that countries hold -- 60% is in dollars. Then you have the next 15-20% in euro. Then you have the yen. Around 80% of the global merchandise trade is in dollars, Euro and other currencies account for only 20% of business. The weightage of dollars for the West is overwhelmingly high. To influence de-dollarization is not even remotely possible today.

Santwana Bhattacharya: We have very deep trade relations with Russia and Iran. How do you think this trade situation gets balanced out and since Russia has raised a few issues, how do you think the West Asia conflict is going to impact our neighbourhood equations and trade?

The West always perceives that India buying oil (from Russia) is fuelling the Ukrainian war. But I think we have to put this in perspective in bringing the truth out. Our dependence on defence imports from Russia is also very high -- at 65%. You can't overnight shift it. So, you have to see the overall situation evolving around us and take calls pragmatically.

As for Iran, it is in a deep crisis. We'll have to wait and watch because for us, Iran has another significant value -- the Chabahar Port and the connection from Iran to the central Asian republics.

POWER GAMES

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India-Russia Summit

PUTIN LIKELY TO VISIT INDIA IN DEC FIRST WEEK

Russian President Vladimir Putin is likely to visit India in the first week of December this year for the Indo-Russian annual summit. The summit alternates between the two countries each year. Putin, however, has not visited India since the start of the Russia-Ukraine war. Sources say the Russian side has begun preparations for the December visit. Kremlin spokesperson Dimitry Peskov had recently confirmed that Putin would be travelling to India for the summit. However, he did not provide specific dates stating that "the dates will be mutually worked out soon". According to sources, the summit is likely to take place in December. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has visited Russia twice this year - first for the annual summit in July, and again for the BRICS summit in Kazan in October. The two countries have elevated their relationship to the level of 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' that has resulted in close trade, economic and scientific cooperation. The bilateral trade between the two countries has reached all-time high, exceeding $65 billion in 2023-24. The closest cooperation between the two countries is in the fields of defence and energy. The Indo-Russian defence ties involve joint R&D, joint production and marketing of advanced defence technologies and systems. The BrahMos missile system is an example of this cooperation. Other examples include joint development of the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft and the Multi Transport Aircraft, as well as the licensed production in India of SU-30 aircraft and T-90 tanks. President Putin's visit is expected to lead to the signing of new agreements in banking and petroleum, as well as acceleration of projects relating to transport and defence. While preparations for the visit have begun, sources have not ruled out the possibility of it being postponed if the war between Russia and Ukraine further escalates.

SEBI, RBI Appointments

DAS EXTENSION UP IN THE AIR; BUCH SET TO RETIRE

The financial circles are buzzing with speculation about the fate of Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikant Das and market regulator SEBI chief Madhabi Puri Buch. Buch is set to retire on February 28 next year and is unlikely to be given an extension. She has been at the centre of the storm sparked by the allegations levelled by US shortseller Hindenburg Research. The opposition parties have been baying for her blood ever since. However, reports of her premature exit are unlikely to come true and she will complete her full tenure in office. Das, on the other hand, was expected to get an extension, which would make him the longest serving RBI Governor, surpassing the 7.5-year record of Benegal Rama Rau, who served as RBI chief from 01.07.1949 to 14.01.1957. However, the delay in processing his papers has raised questions about the certainty of his continuation in office. Das was appointed as head of India's central bank in 2018. He was subsequently reappointed for three years in December 2021. He is now due to retire on December 10 this year.

Ahead of session, govt tells parties panels to decide agenda in Houses

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Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju addresses media after an all-party meeting ahead of the winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Sunday | PTI

THE stage appeared to be set for a stormy winter session of Parliament beginning Monday, with the Congress-led Opposition demanding discussions on the alleged bribery case in the US against Adani Group Company, the Manipur violence, pollution in north India and train accidents. The government, whereas, said that the business advisory committees of both Houses would decide on matters to be taken up for deliberations and urged to ensure smooth functioning.

The government convened a customary all-party meeting a day ahead the beginning of the session, as ruling party leaders led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met the floor leaders of political parties.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Parliamentary Affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said that the government has appealed to all parties to ensure smooth running of Parliament.

Responding to a question on the Opposition's demand for taking up the Adani issue, the minister said the respective Business Advisory Committees of the Houses "will decide on matters to be discussed in Parliament with the consent from Lok Sabha Speaker and Rajya Sabha chairperson.

At the meeting, Congress members raised the issue of bribery charges against the Adani group as well as the situation in Manipur.

Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi said the party wants discussion on Adani as well as ethnic strife in Manipur. He said while the Chief Minister of Jharkhand was arrested on corruption charges, the Centre still has confidence in the CM of Manipur despite several bouts of ethnic violence.

The Opposition party also sought a discussion on the issue of rising pollution in north India and train accidents.

Congress leader Pramod Tiwari said his party wanted the issue of Adani to be taken up in Parliament as the first thing when it meets on Monday. It is a grave issue involving the country's economic and security interests as over ₹2,200 crore were allegedly paid by the company to politicians and bureaucrats to get favourable deals for its solar energy projects, he said.

Billionaire Gautam Adani has been charged by the US prosecutors for allegedly being part of a scheme to pay $265 million (about ₹2,200 crore) bribe to Indian officials in exchange of favourable terms for solar power contracts.

But the group has so far denied the charges.

'Maa Kaali' to be premiered at IFFI

PARVEZ SULTAN @Panaji

'MAA Kaali' — The Erased History of Bengal' is set for its world premiere at 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. The film is an attempt to bring to light an erased "truth" about India history. It is also socio-politically relevant given the current turmoil in Bangladesh, according to representatives of the production house, which had produced national award winning super hit 'Karthikeya 2' in 2022.

Raima Sen and bureaucrat-turned-actor Abhishek Singh starrer and directed by Vijay Yelakanti, the film is based on the pivotal events around "Direct Action Day" in 1946.

"Maa Kaali aims to put forth the erased history of Bengal, revealing the bloody truth of the ruthless massacre in Calcutta and Noakhali in present-day India and Bangladesh respectively," said the producers.

The movie will premiere on November 26. The premiere will be attended by director Yelakanti, Producers at People Media Factory, who are also currently involved in marketing their film Pushpa 2, actors Abhishek Singh, Raima Sen. Goa chief minister Pramod Swany is also expected to attend the screening.

On Sunday, Sawant met the team of 'Maa Kaali.' The director shared his enthusiasm of bringing the truth out of Indian erased history.

Based on 'Direct Action Day' in 1946

According to the film's producers, "Maa Kaali aims to put forth the erased history of Bengal, revealing the bloody truth of the ruthless massacre in Calcutta and Noakhali in present-day India and Bangladesh respectively." The movie directed by Vijay Yelakanti and starring Raima Sen and bureaucrat-turned-actor Abhishek Singh, will premiere on November 26. The film depicts the misery faced by families ripped apart during the Partition, their identities destroyed in the ensuing chaos, through the story of a Bengali Ghosh family. "Maa Kaali is not ideally a mass entertainer but a mass thinker, a cinema that aims to offer a lesson to not let history repeat itself. We are extremely glad and honoured that our vision aligns with the prestigious IFFI and they recognised the importance of the film," said director Yelakanti.

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Speaking about the project, Singh said, "With the current scenario in Bangladesh we are taken back in time when the religious disturbances in Bengal began, a film like 'Maa Kaali' is important today and IFFI is the right platform to showcase it. We are humbled and encouraged by the support of IFFI."

Since the film involves disturbing scenes depicting violence and communal atrocities, it also faced issues for clearance at the censor board earlier. However, after a tenacious fight, the makers of 'Maa Kaali' have received the certification, and are expected to announce the release date soon.

Written and directed by Yelakanti, 'Maa Kaali' is produced by TG Vishwa Prasad, co-produced by Vivek Kuchibhotla and presented by makers of 'Karthikeya 2.' The pan-Indian film is shot in Hindi and will release in Bengali and Telugu as well next year.

Sen essays the role of a woman affected during the 1946 Calcutta killings. The story is about the communal riots that gripped the city from August 16, 1946, dubbed as 'Direct Action Day,' a year before India's independence.

Thousands of people lost their lives in communal violence over the next few days, and the riots spiraled into more disturbances across undivided India.

The movie has got the go-ahead from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

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On August 16, 1946, Muslim League called for a 'Direct Action Day' under the leadership of Mohammad Ali Jinnah. The aim of Direct Action Day by the Muslim League was to get Pakistan through violent means if not by legal means.

The story progresses over several decades, following the Ghosh family as they sail through the hardships and tragedies of history. Against the backdrop of communal violence and political turmoil, they represent tenacity in the face of hardship, reflecting the challenges of a generation caught in history's crossfire.

The film not only sheds light on forgotten narratives surrounding Direct Action Day but also addresses themes of identity, resilience, and societal barriers.

LIQUOR BAN

The Maharashtra excise department on Sunday cancelled the permit for serving alcohol at actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh's concert in the Kothrud area of Pune later in the evening, following objection raised by the area's newly elected BJP MLA Chandrakant Patil.

15 YEAR-OLD GIRL RAPED BY TRUCK DRIVER IN MP'S RAISEN DISTRICT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	16	Mumbai	34	22
Bhopal	28	11	Panaji	32	22
Jaipur	29	12	Patna	28	14
Amritsar	25	9	Lucknow	28	13
Chennai	29	26	Port Blair	31	28
Kolkata	28	17	Imphal	24	10
Srinagar	16	-3	Chandigarh	26	8

● Only one seat for saffron party in Santhal Pargana with 18 constituencies ● Out of 4,126 candidates, 250 women in fray but only 21 won

BJP's tribal tally dismal in J'khand

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN the Jharkhand assembly polls, the BJP failed to put up a good show in the tribal-dominated regions despite its narrative that it can protect the interests of tribals.

According to the results declared on Saturday, the BJP's performance took a hit in the tribal-dominated Kolhan, Santhal Pargana and South Chotanagpur. In other regions, such as North Chotanagpur and Palamu, the BJP-led NDA performed relatively better and managed to retain its ground.

In Kolhan, which has 14 seats, the NDA could get only three seats. Though three former chief ministers — Arjun Mjunda, Champai Soren and Madhu Koda — belong to Kolhan, they could not get seats for NDA. Meera Munda, wife of Arjun Munda who contested from Potka on a BJP ticket, lost. Similarly, Geeta Koda, wife of Madhu Koda, was defeated in Jagganathpur. Champai Soren managed to win from Saraikela on a BJP ticket, but his son Ramdas Soren lost Ghatshila seat.

In Santhal Pargana with 18 seats, the BJP could get only one seat against four in the 2019 assembly polls. The JMM put up a dominating show in the region winning 11 seats. Its ally Congress won four seats and RJD two. Sanjay Prasad Yadav of RJD defeated two-time BJP MLA Amit Kumar Mandal in the region.

JMM patriarch Shibu Soren's daughter-in-law Sita Soren, who changed her constituency from Jama to Jamtara and contested on a BJP ticket, lost to Congress candidate Irfan Ansari. Despite making infiltration and demographic change an issue in Santhal Pargana, the BJP performed worse than 2019 assembly polls.

The BJP could not retain its ground in South Chotanagpur and managed to win only seats seats against five and eight seats in 2019 and 2014 Assembly polls.

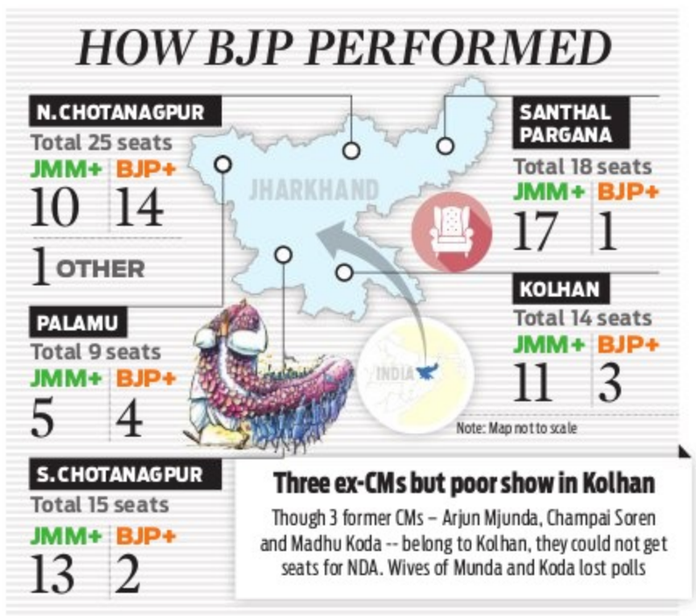
"This is for the first time that NDA has performed so badly in South Chhotanagpur," an analyst said.

AJSU chief Sudesh Mahto, a BJP ally, lost from Silli assembly seat. The BJP also lost from Khunti which it had been winning in the previous four assembly polls. The saffron party also lost Kanke seat, considered a BJP stronghold, to the Congress.

The BJP, however, came out as the largest party in North Chotanagpur winning 12 out of the 25 seats against 11 and 13 in 2019 and 2014 assembly polls, respectively. For the first time after the formation of Jharkhand, LJP has succeeded in clinching one seat — Chatra. State BJP chief Babulal Marandi retained Dhanawa seat, but leader of Opposition Amar Kumar Bauri lost from Chandankiyari. JMM star campaigner and CM Hemant Soren's Kalpana Soren retained Gandey seat.

The NDA also performed well in Palamu and won four out of nine seats as against five and two in 2019 and 2014 assembly polls. The RJD and Congress also managed to get two seats each, while JMM win only one seat in the region. Though there were friendly contests between the alliance partners of INDIA bloc in Chattarpur and Bishrampur, their candidates were declared winner from there. Two ministers — Mithlesh Thakur and Badyanath Ram — lost their seats from Garhwa and Latehar.

In a reversal of fortunes, the BJP's tally plummeted to 21 assembly seats from 25 in 2019. The ruling alliance, led by Soren's JMM, increased its 2019 count of 47 seats to 56 of the total 81 in the state.



Three ex-CMs but poor show in Kolhan

Though 3 former CMs – Arjun Mjunda, Champai Soren and Madhu Koda -- belong to Kolhan, they could not get seats for NDA. Wives of Munda and Koda lost polls

More women vote, but fewer elected in battle for Maha

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Mahayuti government's Ladki Bahin scheme may have helped increase women voters' turnout in the Maharashtra assembly polls, but only 21 women got elected this time against 24 in the previous election.

According to the Election Commission data, of the 4126 candidates in the fray, 250 were women including independents. Out of the 250 women candidates, only 21 got elected to the assembly.

The BJP has the largest elected women MLAs — 10 out of 14 candidates. Two women candidates of Shiv Sena (Shinde) got elected, four from Ajit Pawar-led NCP and one from the Congress.

The elected BJP women MLAs include Shweta Mahale from Chikhali, Meghna Bordikar from Jintur, Devyani Farande from Nashik Central, Seema Hire from Nashik West, Manda Mhatre from Belapur, Manisha Chaudhary from Dahisar, Vidya Thakur from Goregaon, Madhuri Misal from Parvati, Monika Rajale from Shevgaon and Namita Mundada from Kaij, Sreejaya Chavan from Bhokar, Sulabha Gaikwad from Kalyan East, Sneha Pandit from Vasai, and Anuradha Chavan from Phulambri. Shiv Sena's women MLAs include Manjula Gavit from Sakri and Sanjana Jadhav from Kannada. NCP's elected women candidates include Sulabha Khodke (Amravati), Saroj Ahire (Deolali), Sana Malik (Anushakti Nagar) and Aditi Tatkare (Shrivardh).

In the 2019 assembly elections, the BJP, Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP had fielded 45 women, of whom 24 women were elected to the 288-member assembly. The women representation percentage was 8% against 7% this time.

"Though the state and Central governments launched schemes for women empowerment, representation of women is sliding," said a political analyst. "Political parties are always reluctant to field women candidates arguing that they face difficulty to get elected."

BYPOLLS

Kedarnath win a big relief for BJP in Uttarakhand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE BJP has heaved a sigh of relief following its victory in the Kedarnath assembly byelection in Uttarakhand. This seat gained national attention after the party's loss in another important Hindu pilgrimage town, Badrinath, during the July byelection.

The win positions the BJP to regain its dominance over the Congress in the state.

Following the passing of BJP MLA Shaila Rani Rawat, the Kedarnath seat became a key battleground in a closely watched contest. Demonstrating strength, BJP candidate **Asha Nautiyal** emerged victorious, winning the support of the electorate. She received an impressive 23,814 votes, significantly outpacing her closest competitor, Congress candidate Manoj Rawat, who garnered 18,192 votes.

"The results reflect a resounding endorsement from voters, reaffirming the BJP's foothold in the region amidst evolving political dynamics," said party spokesperson Ravindra Kumar.

Manveer Singh Chauhan, the BJP's state media in-charge, highlighted that "Asha Nautiyal has won her third election with the largest margin to date. In previous elections, she won against Congress candidates by margins of 3,465 votes in 2002 and 2,979 votes in 2007."

Former BJP face scripted defeat of MP's forest min

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE big political upset in Madhya Pradesh, which saw veteran OBC politician and forest minister **Ramniwas Rawat** lose the assembly polls from his bastion Vijaypur seat, has turned out to be a sweet revenge for former BJP MLA Satyapal Singh 'Nitu' Sikarwar.

According to political watchers in the Sheopur district of the Gwalior-Chambal region, which houses the Vijaypur seat, it was the former BJP man Mukesh Malhotra, who as Congress candidate, defeated the first-time BJP candidate Ramniwas Rawat. But the script of the entire poll upset was meticulously drawn by former BJP MLA from the neighbouring Morena district, Nitu Sikarwar.

Nitu is the son of a powerful former BJP politician, Gajraj Singh Sikarwar, who won the Sumawali seat of Morena district twice in the past. Later, as a BJP MLA, Nitu represented the same assembly seat between 2013 and 2018. Nitu's elder brother, Satish Sikarwar, is a Congress MLA in Gwalior, while sister-in-law Shobha Sikarwar is the mayor.

After Satish's victory in the 2023 polls from Gwalior district and sister-in-law's Gwalior mayor poll win, Nitu (expelled from BJP in November 2020) contested from Morena LS seat as Congress candidate against Assembly Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar's loyalist Shiv Mangal Tomar.

Absence of SAD from 4 Punjab seats helps AAP

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE absence of SAD in the Punjab bypolls on November 20 has benefitted the ruling AAP, which won three of the four seats. The BJP fielded former Akali leaders in three of them.

Blaming SAD for their loss, Pradesh Congress president **Amrinder Singh Raja** Warring stated, "The party lost largely due to the absence of SAD, as Akali voters opted for AAP. We have retained our voter base in Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak. As before, it was a contest between Congress and the Akalis."

Senior Congress leader and LoP Partap Singh Bajwa pointed out that the party has managed to retain its voter base and even increase it slightly, with a majority of Akali voters favouring the AAP.

Sources indicate that the bypoll results could have significant implications not only for Warring — whose wife, Amrita Warring, lost in Gidderbaha — but also for senior leader and Gurdaspur MP Sukhjinder Randhawa, whose wife Jatinder Kaur lost in Dera Baba Nanak. As criticism towards Warring intensifies, some party leaders suggest that he should relinquish state leadership to someone else now.

Also, with AAP appointing Aman Arora, a Hindu, as its state unit chief, several Congress leaders believe it would be wise to prioritise representation from Hindu, SC and OBCs.

Nil count puts PK in a spot as Bihar polls due next yr

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE Jan Suraaj Party's poor performance in the bypolls for all four seats in Bihar highlights the necessity for former election strategist **Prashant Kishor** to reassess and refine his strategy, especially with the state assembly elections approaching next year.

Not only did all four candidates suffer a humiliating defeat, three even forfeited their deposits.

Kishor's challenge before the assembly election would be to navigate into the choppy waters of the state's caste-centric politics, remarked a political analyst, Indrajit Singh. He said that Jan Suraaj's role would be restricted to cutting into the votes of major parties rather than winning seats.

Kishor launched his Jan Suraaj Party on October 2 this year after criss-crossing state's villages and panchayats by covering more than 5,000 km on foot for two years. At the time of the launch of his party, Kishor had announced that he would field candidates on all 243 seats of the state assembly election.

It would, however, prove to be a daunting task for Kishor to identify candidates with the potential to win. Another challenge before Kishor would be to keep the morale of his party's rank and file, as it seemed that the party, which was seen as spoiling RJD's chances on two seats, could not make any impact.

3 killed in clash over Sambhal mosque survey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

THREE people were killed and around 20 security personnel were injured as protesters opposing a court-ordered survey of a Mughal-era mosque Sambhal of UP clashed with police on Sunday.

The protesters torched vehicles and pelted stones at the police, who used tear gas and batons to disperse the mob.

"Shots were fired by the miscreants... the PRO of the superintendent of police suffered a gunshot to the leg, the police circle officer was hit by pellets and 15 to 20 security personnel were injured in the violence," Moradabad Divisional Commissioner Aunjaneya Kumar Singh said.

Internet services have been suspended in Sambhal tehsil for 24 hours and the district administration declared a holiday on November 25 for all students up to Class 12.

Images shared on social media showed protesters pelting stones at cops from atop buildings and in front of the Shahi Jama Masjid. Later, police personnel were purportedly seen cornering and hitting people as they tried to disperse a large crowd in a narrow alleyway. One purported clip showed SP Krishan Kumar urging stone-pelters not to indulge in violence.

Police try to control the situation amid violence during a second survey of the Jama Masjid, in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, on Sunday | PTI

Tension has been brewing in Sambhal since Tuesday when the Jama Masjid was surveyed on the orders of a local court following a petition that claimed that a Harihar temple stood at the site.

"Three people, identified as Naeem, Bilal and Nauman, have been killed," Singh said. Fifteen people, including two women, have been detained and a probe has been launched, the official said, adding that those accused in the violence would be booked under the stringent NSA.

District magistrate Rajender Pensiya said, "The casualty count stands at three. The reason for the death of two of them is clear — bullet wounds from countrymade pistols. The reason for the death of the third person is not clear, but it will be after the post-mortem examination."

The trouble started on Sunday morning when a large group of people gathered near the Shahi Jama Masjid and started shouting slogans as the survey team began their work.

SP Kumar said an FIR has been registered at the Sambhal police station and the 20-22 policemen, who were injured, were giving their statements. He said the mobile phones of those who have been detained were being checked.

Opposition leaders, including SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, blamed the BJP for the violence, alleging that the survey team was sent to the mosque by the party to nurture its "politics of hatred".

BJP spokesperson Nalin Kohli said, "Nobody has any right to break the law. If a court has passed an order, it will be implemented. The judicial process is available for those who want the order to be amended."

Dehradun's Rashtrapati Ashiana to be open to public from April next year

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

IN a move reminiscent of the Mughal Gardens at the Presidential Palace, the historic Presidential Ashiana located on Rajpur Road in Dehradun is set to open its doors to the public this April. This decision comes under the directives of President Droupadi Murmu.

On Saturday, officials from the Presidential Secretariat convened in Dehradun for a meeting with state government representatives. During this session, they outlined plans to enhance the facilities available for the public at the Ashiana.

An official source stated, "Our aim is to transform the Presidential Ashiana into a space where citizens can experience history and also embrace it as an integral part of their culture and heritage."

Spanning an area of 21 acres, the complex is currently utilised by the President's Bodyguard (PBG), while the total area of the Ashiana is approximately 237 acres.

To prepare for this initiative, a high-level meeting was held on Saturday at the Ashiana complex, where Dr Rakesh Gupta, additional secretary of the Presidential Secretariat, engaged in discussions with senior officials from the Uttarakhand government.

Official sources indicated that it was decided during the meeting that the public will have access to the main building of the complex. Visitors will not only have the opportunity to explore the Ashiana but also learn about the rich history of the Indian Army's 251-year-old PBG regiment and its 186-year-old stables.

Uttarakhand government secretary Sachin Kurve stated, "The opening of the Rashtrapati Ashiana in Dehradun will provide an opportunity for the people to connect with India's rich heritage."

The Rashtrapati Ashiana was originally established in 1838 as a summer camp for the Governor General's Bodyguard horses, providing respite from Delhi heat. After Independence, the President's Bodyguard continued to utilise the facility.

A slice of history

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Kejriwal at official function raises eyebrows

Former Delhi chief minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal recently attended an official function where he and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann handed over appointment letters to new police recruits, causing quite a stir. Both the BJP and SAD raised questions on the capacity in which he participated in the event and on what basis he received a guard of honor alongside CM Mann. "Why does the Punjab CM need Kejriwal to stand beside him?" wrote Union minister Ravneet Singh Bittu on X, while SAD leader Paramhans Singh Romana asked, "Under what rule is he being extended these privileges?"

Punjab chief secretary's missive to senior officers

Upset with overcrowding in the committee room of his office in Civil Secretariat, Punjab chief secretary KAP Sinha has sent a letter to all the administrative secretaries. The letter noted that many uninvited individuals accompany the secretaries, resulting in unnecessary congestion in the hall, and several subordinates at the meetings are "absolutely undesirable". "Henceforth, only the invited officers will attend the meeting. No junior staff of the officer should be sitting in or outside the committee room," it read. In pressing circumstances, however, a representative of reasonable seniority will be allowed, the letter further said.

Sidhu: Will return if Cong high command wishes

Former Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu has said that he would return if the party high command desires it. "The party's high command is there to take a call on it," he said. Despite figuring in the star campaigners' list, Sidhu did not campaign for the party in the Lok Sabha elections. He recently appeared in the comedy show by Kapil Sharma after a gap of five years, however, only in the capacity of a special guest. The former Punjab Congress chief has not been active in politics since he came out of jail after serving a sentence in a road rage case.

Three
Bases in England used by American forces spotted drones last week

GLOBAL WEATHER
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Beijing	8	2	LR	Los Angeles	19	13	SNY
Colombo	31	26	LR	Melbourne	25	20	SNY
Dhaka	30	18	SNY	Moscow	-2	-3	LC
Dubai	29	24	SNY	New York	11	8	SNY
Houston	31	13	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	9	5	LC	Toronto	6	6	LC
London	13	6	LC	Washington	9	7	LR

Three in custody for rabbi's killing, says UAE

DUBAI/TEL AVIV

THE United Arab Emirates on Sunday confirmed the murder of an Israeli-Moldovan and said three suspects have been arrested, after what Israel called an anti-Semitic "terrorist attack".

"The Ministry of Interior announced that the UAE authorities have arrested in record time the three perpetrators involved in the murder" of Tzvi Kogan, a statement carried by the official *WAM* news agency said, after Israel reported the rabbi's killing.

The UAE interior ministry described Kogan as "a Moldovan national according to his identification documents at the time of entry into the UAE, where he lived as a resident".

It said the man's family had filed a missing person's report, prompting the formation of "a specialised search and investigation team" which led to discovery of the body, and to identification of the suspects. The ministry gave no further detail of those arrested but said: "Full details of the incident will be disclosed upon the conclusion of the investigations."

In an earlier message on X, the Chabad-Lubavitch movement to which Kogan belonged expressed its "great pain"

An Israeli soldier and a resident walk past a charred vehicle after rockets were fired from Lebanon near Tel Aviv on Sunday. Hezbollah said it launched missiles at an Israeli army intelligence base in the Tel Aviv suburbs. Israel's military said Hezbollah fired around 160 projectiles into northern and central Israel on Sunday | AFP

alongside a photo of the rabbi, adding that he had been "murdered by terrorists after being abducted on Thursday".

Kogan was living and working in the UAE as a representative of Chabad, an ultra-Orthodox Jewish group known for its outreach efforts worldwide.

Earlier on Sunday Israel said he was killed in what it described as a "heinous antisemitic terror incident."

A statement from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said Israel "will act with all means to seek justice with the criminals responsible for his death." Israeli authorities did not say how they determined the killing of Zvi Kogan was a terror attack and offered no additional details. Kogan, 28, an ultra-Orthodox rabbi who went missing on Thursday, ran a Kosher grocery store in the futuristic city of Dubai, where Israelis have flocked for commerce and tourism since the two countries forged diplomatic ties in the 2020 Abraham Accords.

The agreement has held through more than a year of soaring regional tensions unleashed by Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023 attack into southern Israel.

But Israel's devastating retaliatory offensive in Gaza and its invasion of Lebanon, after months of fighting with the Hezbollah militant group, have stoked anger among Emiratis, Arab nationals and others living in the the UAE.

Israel renewed a warning for Israelis to avoid any non-essential travel to the UAE, and advised citizens in the Gulf country to take extra precautions.

The UAE is made up of seven emirates. UAE normalised relations with Israel in 2020 alongside Bahrain and Morocco.

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WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 415

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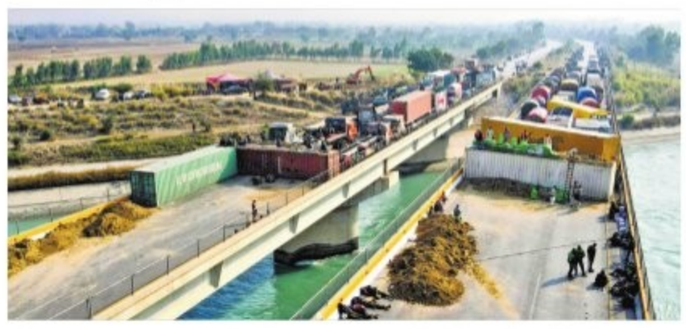
Islamabad under lockdown ahead of PTI protest

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN deployed heavy security forces in the national capital, sealed key roads and suspended mobile and internet services in certain areas as supporters of jailed former premier Imran Khan on Sunday geared up for a protest march towards Islamabad.

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party has called on the public to join the march to "break the shackles of slavery." A convoy under the leadership of Khan's wife Bushra Bibi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur left for Islamabad from Peshawar. *Geo News* reported that Bibi was part of the convoy that started from Peshawar, but the KP chief minister was leading the protest.

KP government spokesperson Muhammad Ali Saif said all arrangements have been made to remove the obstacles. He also alleged that last night police opened fire on the anti-barricading machinery and tried to set it on fire, but the PTI supporters foiled the arson attempt. He also said that the government still has time to fulfil their demands, warning that there could be a situation like Bangladesh, where a mass protest led by students toppled longtime prime minister Sheikh Hasina's government.



Pakistan government uses shipping containers and freight trucks to block protesters from reaching the venue of PTI protest seeking the release of Imran Khan | AFP

Khan's party shared pictures and videos of various groups leaving from different cities for Islamabad to take part in the protest. In the national capital, police were taking no chances to let anyone enter the city and arrested about 16 protestors from the Faizabad area of Rawalpindi as they tried to enter Islamabad.

Meanwhile, internet tracking monitor Netblocks said WhatsApp backends have been restricted in Pakistan, according to a post on X.

"Live metrics show WhatsApp backends have been restricted in Pakistan corroborating reports of media sharing issues; the measure comes as authorities tighten security ahead of protests planned by opposition party PTI calling for the release of former PM Imran Khan," Netblocks said.

The federal government has taken several steps to block the protest, including deploying heavy security forces, sealing key roads, and setting up barriers around the capital.

The Interior Ministry has emphasised that, in accordance with court orders, no protests or sit-ins will be allowed in Islamabad.

PTI

India condemns lack of inclusivity in decision making at COP29 in Baku

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INDIA also condemned the process of adoption, calling it "stage-managed" and highlighting the lack of inclusivity in decision-making. Raina said India had informed the COP20 Presidency and the Secretariat of its intention to make a statement before the decision was finalised but was not given the opportunity to do so.

She said that trust and collaboration were essential to tackle the global climate crisis and accused the developed nations of undermining both through their approach. According to India, the reliance on private and multilateral sources for the proposed finance goal deflects responsibility from developed countries, which are historically more accountable for greenhouse gas emissions. Raina further noted that counting finance mobilised through Multilateral Development Banks is not a step forward from the previous $100 billion goal but a diversion of responsibility onto developing countries.

The criticism reflects broader frustrations among developing nations, many of which feel that their voices are being sidelined in climate negotiations. Nigeria and Bolivia echoed India's sentiments, saying the proposed goal fails to meet the principles of equity but differentiated responsibilities outlined in the Paris Agreement. A senior official from the Ministry of Finance told this paper that the deal was no good and if the inflation rate is taken into account, you will realise that the narrative of tripling of climate finance is a farce.

Vaibhav Chaturvedi of the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water remarked that the decision puts the 1.5°C temperature target out of reach, as mitigation efforts cannot succeed without adequate financial, technological support.

The financial agreement was a critical agenda item at COP29. However, the delayed implementation of the $300 billion goal—set to begin only in 2035—has raised concerns about its effectiveness. Many nations argue that they cannot wait more than a decade for the resources they need now to address escalating climate challenges.

ASIA MATTERS

POLICE PROBE MONASTERY FOR USING BODIES

A Buddhist monastery in Thailand is under investigation after authorities discovered more than 40 bodies on site which were allegedly used for meditation practices, police said on Sunday. Forty-one cadavers were found at Pa Nakhon Chaibovorn monastery in Phichit province, a senior police officer said. "The bodies were accompanied with death and body donation certificates," he said, adding that so far no charges have been filed. He said police were reaching out to relatives of the deceased to confirm that the bodies were donated willingly. *AFP*

AUSTRALIA FOR REPATRIATION OF FIVE

The remaining members of the "Bali Nine" drug ring could be released from Indonesia and returned to Australia if "ongoing" talks succeed, a minister said on Sunday. Trade Minister Don Farrell said Australia was pushing to repatriate the five men who remained jailed in Indonesia. "They would continue to serve their sentence, except they're serving them in Australia. "We will see what happens in the days and weeks ahead." Police arrested nine Australians in 2005, convicting them of attempting to smuggle more than eight kgs of heroin off the holiday island of Bali. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notice that my client **H.C. RAMADAS**, Aged about 61 years, S/o Late Sri. H.D. Cheluvaiah, presently residing at No. 41, Sri. Venkateshwara Nilaya, near Naga Bike, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, SBM Colony, Brindavan Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560 004, who is the present owner of Site bearing No.121, Khata No.234, Assessment No.146/4, measuring East to West 50 Ft., North to South 30 Ft., totally measuring 1500 Sq.Ft., situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and the same was purchased by me by virtue of Sale Deed dated 23.05.2012, registered as Document No.PNY-1-01593/2012- 13, Book-I, stored in CD No.PNYD501, in the office of Sub-registrar, Peenya Bangalore the aforesaid Original Document has been lost/misplaced while travelling he has made best efforts in tracing the same, but efforts were in vain, If anyone found the aforesaid original document, kindly contact **within 7 days** from the date of this publication at the office address given below.

SHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Plot No. 121 (One Hundred and Twenty One) of Property No. 234 of Assessment No. 146/4 of Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshavantpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Present Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palika, Ward 40. and bounded on the

East by : Road,
West by : Property Number of 123
North by : Water Canal
South by : Property Number of 122

S. Nagaraja B.A, LL.B, LL.M (Business Law)
Advocate & Associates
No.1008, 10th Main, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560079

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby notified that, my client **Mr. Murugan.S S/o Subramani**, Residing at #224/a, 6th Cross, Near Charch, Nethajinagar, KP Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore North-560023 and his sister Ms. Jyothi are the owners of the property bearing Katha no:25, (Old No:9)Property ID No:29-64-25, measuring East-West 38 feet, North-South 15 feet, situated at **Ward No.29, Formed in Sy No:6 of Kempapura Agrahara, 1st Main Road, Mariyappanapalya, Bangalore** and in respect of the same, my client lost the following deeds:

A. Agreement of sale dated:21-07-2003, which is registered in the office of SRO Srirampura, as the document no:1851/2003-04.
B. Cancellation of agreement dated:10-08-2005, which is registered in the office of SRO Srirampura, as the document no:2023/2005-06.
C. Discharge deed dated:11-04-2016, which is registered in the office of SRO Srirampura, as the document no:82/2016-17.

In is regard he logged a complainant at Bangalore Police Station, on 23-11-2024 in report No: 1349343/2024. Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or to my client or else if anyone has objection in this regard contact me in the below address **within 7 days** from today or otherwise it will be treated that no original document is with anyone and also no objection in this regard from anyone.

Gajendra, Advocate,
M.G.P Advocate Associates,
Opp- Mini Vidhana Soudha,
B.B.Road, Devanahalli Town- 562110.

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 1853/2023
BETWEEN : SMT. UMAYA HABEEBA. P ...Plaintiff
AND: SRI. MOHAN KUMAR. R & OTHERS ...Defendants
SUMMONS/NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS NO. 2, 3 and 4

2. SMT. M. NIRMALA, Wife of Sri. Mohan Kumar .R, Aged about 44 Years, Residing at No. 12/1, 5th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Neelagiri Papanna Block, Sriramapura, Bengaluru - 560 021.
3. KUMARI. ASHMITHA MOHAN, Daughter of Sri. Mohan Kumar .R, Aged about 21 Years, Residing at No.12/1, 5th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Neelagiri Papanna Block, Sriramapura, Bengaluru - 560 021.
4. KUMARI. ANKITHA MOHAN, Daughter of Sri. Mohan Kumar .R, Aged about 21 Years, Residing at No. 12/1, 5th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Neelagiri Papanna Block, Sriramapura, Bengaluru - 560 021.

Take notice that the above-named Plaintiff has filed the above Suit for Judgement & Decree for Specific Performance of Agreement of Sale of the Suit Schedule Property and for such other reliefs. The plaintiffs have filed an application under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC to bring on record the Defendants Nos. 2 to 4 to the above suit. The above case is now posted to **18th December 2024** for your appearance. You're here by directed to appear before this court at 11:00 a.m. either in a person or through an Advocate, failing which the matter will be decide in your absence.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing property No. 61/13 (Previously Property No.61/9), Northern half of the property, Khatha No. 182, Lakshmipura Village, Agara Dhaikale, Agara Gram Panhayat, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, East to West 66 feet, North to South 33 feet totally 2178 Sq.ft and boundaries as follows:

East by : Road, West by: Remaining property in the same Number, North by: Property belonging to Hanumayya and Puttamaramma, South by : Remaining Property in the same number (Southern half belonging to Sri. R. Ravi Kumar)

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 20th November 2024.

By order of the Court, CHIEF MINISTERIAL OFFICER, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bengaluru Rural Dist., Bengaluru.
K. MOHAN KUMAR, B.A.L., LLM, Advocate No.39/3, Goverdhan Garden, Yelachenahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560111.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, AT BANGALORE
O.A. No.1263/2022
CITY UNION BANK, Basavanagudi Branch ...Applicant
Versus
M/s. Vision Resources & Others ...Defendants
SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants
1. M/s. Vision Resources Rep by its Proprietor R. Venkatesh
2. Mr .R. Venkatesh S/o. C. Ranganathan
3. Mrs. Lalitha Venkatesh W/o. R Venkatesh

All are R/at: No. E-161, Shakthi Nagar, Behind TTK Factory, Udayanagar, D.V. Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 016.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.35,21,967/-** (Thirty Five Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Seven Rupees Only) mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defense within 30 days from the date of publication or on **14.02.2025 at 10.30 am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **08.10.2024.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Mrs. Malini Vinay

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
REGIONAL OFFICE WEST,
Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main, 15th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560055

NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE ACT").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Seshadripuram Branch, Bengaluru** (hereinafter referred to as "the Secured Creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8 (6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:

As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on **29.08.2024 ,** to the borrower **1) M/s. Navadurga Sea Foods, represented by its partners, Mr. Adinarayana Setty. B. K, Mr. Thyagaraj. V. R, Mr. Gudala Srihari Gopala Rao, 2) Mr. Adinarayana Setty. B. K, 3) Mr. Thyagaraj. V. R, 4) Mr. Gudala Srihari Gopala Rao, 5) Mrs. Saraswathi. B, 6) Mr. Bhaskar. R, 7) Mrs. Shantha. R, 8) Mrs. Latha. G, 9) Mrs. Prema. R , 10) M/s. Navadurga Sea Foods, (Name of Borrower/ Mortgagor),** the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned Names), demanding to pay an amount of **Rs.15,40,63,761.43** (Rupees Fifteen Crores Forty Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One and Paise Forty Three Only) and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **08.11.2024.** Further, the said symbolic possession notice was duly published in **Kannada Prabha and The New Indian Express, Bengaluru Edition and Praja Shakthi and Business Standard, on 13.11.2024.**

To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **Rs.15,40,63,761.43** (Rupees Fifteen Crores Forty Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One and Paise Forty Three Only) as on **28.08.2024** plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or By inviting tenders from the public; or. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or. By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.

Date : 23.11.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

IN THE COURT OF THE 28TH ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH.29)
P & SC. No. 25076/2024

Between : **1. Sri. Roshan Dominic Bernard,** S/o Bernard, Aged about 44 years,
2. Smt. Philomena Bernard, W/o Bernard, Aged about 76 years, Residing at Rose Villa, No.9, Hutchins Road, 5th Cross, "B" Street, St. Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084. ...Petitioners

And : **1. Sri. Ivan** S/o Rita, Aged about 47 years, Residing at No.5/106, First Floor, Church Street, Opp. Infant Jesus School, RS Palya, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru-560084.
2. Smt. Violet Lazarus, W/o Late Robin Lazarus, Aged about 78 years. Residing at No. K/12, New Trishul C.H.S., Marol Maroshi Road, Bhawani Nagar, Andheri (E) Near Seven Hills Hospital, J.B. Nagar, Mumbai-400059. ...Respondents

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this court U/s 270 & 276 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of probate in respect of the Will and testament of Late Joseph Jeremias dated 2.3.2024 which was registered dated 2.3.2024 in Book No.3 of the office of the Sub-Registrar of Assurances, Ulsoor, Bengaluru numbered as in CD.HLS-3-00282/2023-24 the said executor of Will died on 14.08.2024 at No.9, Rose Villa, Hutchins Road, 5th Cross, "B" Street, St. Thomas Town, Bengaluru - 560084.

Be it known there is no caveat has been entered said petition and the said petition is posted for hearing before the XXVIII Addl. City Civil Judge (CCH.29), Mayohall, Bengaluru **on 10.12.2024 at 11.00 clock.** Any person/s claiming to have any interest may come in person or through their Advocate and participate in the proceedings before grant of probate.

SCHEDULE - A

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 11 situated at Thanisandra Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk bearing PID.No. 3321/70/6/11 measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 2400 sq.ft. and bounded on the:- East by : Private, West by : Thanisandra Main Road, North by : Site No. 10, South by : Site No. 12

SCHEDULE - B

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.28, situated at Kayamgutta Lingarajapuram, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru in Survey No.117/1 bearing PID No. 87-54-18, registered as No. 3137, Book-1, Volume 2426, pages 119 to 121 on 24th July 1964 measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on the: East by : Vendors Land, West by : Vendors Land, North by : Sri. Joseph's property, South by : Road.

SCHEDULE - C

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.31, situated at Kayamgutta Lingarajapuram, Kasba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru in Survey No. 117/1 bearing PID No.87-6-16, registered as No. 8544, Book-1, Volume 2369, pages 97 to 99 on 30th January 1964 measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on the: East by : Vendors Land, West by : Vendors Land, North by : Vendors Land, South by : Private land.

SCHEDULE - D

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 13 (New No.27), PID No. 86-24-27 situated at Ashoka Road, St. Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084 measuring East by 35 Feet, West 35 Feet, North 30 Feet and South 30 Feet bounded on the: East by : Property of Ramachandra Rao, West by : Property of Mel Mathew, North by : Ashoka Road, South by : Property belonging to Philomena Bernard.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 20th day of November 2024.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.
Advocates for Petitioners :
V. ANAND, D.V. Srinivas, Advocates
No. 84, Kilari Road, Bangalore - 560 053.
Mobile : 98450 30406

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with **Mr. Umashankar,** S/o V Muni Siddappa, aged about 55 years, and **Mrs. Radha N,** W/o Mr. Umashankar, aged about 44 years, **both are** R/ at No.98A, 3rd Main CIL Layout, Behind Police Station, Sanjayanagar, Bengaluru-560 094, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that **Mr. Umashankar** and **Mrs. Radha N** are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and they have acquired the Schedule Property under the Sale deed dated 1st August 2024, registered as Document No.INR-1-04510-2024-25, at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar (Indiranagar) Bengaluru, executed by the Mrs. Kamala Ardhana W/o Mr. Mahesh in their favour. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to **Mr. Umashankar** and **Mrs. Radha N**'s right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No.248, BBMP PID No.72-9-248, measuring East to west (10.70+12.50/2) 11.60 Meters and North to South 18.40 Meters, totally measuring 209.03 Sq. Meters, formed by Bengaluru Development Authority, situated at Domlur 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, Domlur Layout, BBMP Ward No.112 Bengaluru, and bounded on, East by: Site No.01, West by : Road, North by : Road, and South by : Site No.247.

M/s. B.M. Associates
Advocates & Consultants
No. 7/1, Top Floor, G.J. Complex, 100 feet Road, Indiranagar I Stage, Bangalore-560038

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Mr. M.S.Surya Narayana Setty, son of M.Sanjeevaiah Setty, residing at No.D-4, Jayanthi Garden Aprtments, 9th Main, Shakambari Nagar, Bangalore – 560 078 has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 31.05.2010, executed by M/s. Aishwarya Homes and others in favour of M.S.Surya Narayana Setty, registered as document No.BDH-1-01289/2010-11 in Book I and stored in CD No.BDHD45, in the Office of the Sub-registrar, Bidarahalli, Bangalore in respect of the property bearing Site No.48, formed in converted Sy.Nos.159 and 160/P1, in the layout known as **"AISHWARYA GRAND HILLS",** situated at Mandur Village, Bidrahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1500 sq.ft. A police complaint dated 22.11.2024 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Fifteen** days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as his like.

Place : Bangalore **Dated :** 25.11.2024
H.D.BASAPPA, Advocate
"G.R.COMPLEX", # 31, 1st Floor,Service Road,Domlur Layout, Bangalore-560 071
Mobile : 9986349626
E-Mail :basappahd2018@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYOHALL BENGALURU
P & SC No. 25071 of 2024 (CCH-75)

Between : **1. SRI. VIBHOR GUPTA** S/o Rajendra Prakash Gupta, Husband of Late Smt. Kiran Gupta, Aged about 42 years
2. MS. SHAGUN GUPTA D/o. Late Smt. Kiran Gupta, Aged about 9 years, Being minor represented by her natural guardian, Father, Sri. Vibhor Gupta, Both are R/at No. C-1025, Tower C, Assetz 63 Degree East, Chikkannalli, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru - 560035. ...PETITIONERS
AND: NIL ...RESPONDENT

Whereas the petitioners filed a petition under section 278(1) of the Indian Succession Act for issue of Letters of Administration in favour of the petitioners Sri. Vibhor Gupta and Ms. Shagun Gupta, who are the husband and daughter of Late Smt. Kiran Gupta who died on 03.03.2023, in respect of the schedule properties mentioned hereunder to the extent of the schedule of the deceased Late Kiran Gupta.

It is hereby informed to the public that anybody having claim in respect of the schedule they may appear before the court in the above case in person or through their pleader and file their objection with documents, if any, **on 30th day of November, 2024 at 11.00 o'clock** before the Hon'ble 74th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru (CCH-75), failing which the matter will be heard and decided as per law.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1 : Flat No-001, measuring 1299 sqft super built area, SRR Elite Apartments, 7th Main, Ibbalore Ring Road, Ibbalore, Bangalore - 560102, situated at BBMP Khata No. 341/340/281/280/214/14 in Sy.No.34 of Ibbalur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West on the Northern side 131 ft and on the Southern side 104.5 ft. on eastern side 79.4ft and on the western side 85 ft. totally measuring about 9676 sqft and bounded on :- East by: Road, West by : Thoti Inamti Land followed by Sri. Gokul Reddy's property, North by : Property bearing Khata No. 280/214/13 and South by : Property bearing Khata No.280/214/15.
Valued at Rs.75,00,000/-
Item No.2 : a 3 BHK residential apartment bearing No. C-1025, 2nd Floor, C-1 Block, Tower-C, measuring 808 sqft of carpet area 1157 sqft of super-builtup area, in 'Assetz 63 Degree East' Chikkakannalli, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru and bounded on:- East by : Open to Sky, West by: C-1026/Corridor, North by: Cutout/C-1024, South by : Open to Sky.
Valued at Rs.60,00,000/-
Item No.3 : a residential vacant Gramataana Site No.30, Khata No.107/4/30, situated at Chagalatti Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, totally measuring 1200 sqft and bounded on:- East by : Site No.27, West by: Road, North by : Site No.29, South by: Road:
Valued at : Rs.15,00,000/-
Item No.4 : a residential vacant property Site No. 94, Old Khata No. 1115/94, situated at "Telecom Layout", Green Field Garden-I, formed out of various survey numbers in Kuduregere Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Totally measuring 111.48 sqmtrs and bounded on:- East by: Road, West by : Site No.125, North by : Site No.95, South by: Road.
Valued at Rs. 25,00,000/-

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 21st day of November 2024.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioners :
Anil Ramachandra, Advocate
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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Out standing Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Narendra Kumar Mrs. Chaitra (Prospect No. IL10158207)	All that piece and parcel of Site No. 39, in Survey No. 72, Shettyhalli Village, Yashwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North, Karnataka , 560015. Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area , Carpet_Area Property Area: 585.00, 876.00 , 886.00. Bounded By: North: Site No.40, South: Road, East: Site No. 38, West: Road	**Rs.26,06,817/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen Only)	**10-09-2024**	**21-11-2024**

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office: `SOMAMERIT', No.9, Ground Floor, Venkataswamy Naidu Street, Taskar Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.**

Place: Bangalore , Date: 25-11-2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

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RBI-Centre tussle: Is govt trying to guide interest rates?

Is the Centre undoing its own achievements in bringing in legislation, setting up six-member MPC that is guided by data to bring inflation down to 4%?

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ MUMBAI

MINT Road observers were taken aback by the sudden calls from top two Union ministers to cut the interest rates, days ahead of the December 6 policy meeting and within a month of the governor Shaktikanta Das' six-year term ending.

Are we going back to the days of bitter public spats that government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had when Subbarao was at the helm which got lingered into the terms of Raghuram Rajan and Urjit Patel, though not on rates per se but on larger policy issues? What has suddenly changed the honeymoon-days-like cordial relationship between the RBI and government in the past six years? Das completes his near record six-year term on December 12—the longest tenure since Benegal Rama Rau's, who helmed the central bank for 7.5 years from 1949-57–and all indications signal that he's going to keep the job for a year or two at least. First it was the chief economic advisor V Anantha Nageswaran who made a wildcard demand in the last economic survey—skin food items off the retail inflation basket-food items constitute as much as 45.9% of the weighting in retail inflation basket and their prices cannot be controlled by monetary policy as they are supply-driven. The issue got a silent response from the RBI at the next policy presser: RBI believes that food inflation is central to its prices control objectives.

On November 14, just ahead of Das' speech at an industry event, commerce minister Piyush Goyal dropped the rate bomb—first time in six years: "I certainly believe the central bank should cut interest rates. Growth needs further impetus. It's absolutely a flawed theory to consider food inflation while deciding interest rates." Since Das was the next speaker, when sought comments, he quipped: "the next monetary policy is coming up in the first week of December. I would like to reserve my comments for that."

Again on November 18, in Mumbai, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman dropped the next rate bomb but indirectly, saying "the cost of borrowing is really very stressful. At a time when we want industries to ramp up and build capacities, bank interest rates will have to be far more affordable." Do these two calls signal the not-so-publicly-acknowledged-fear of the government that the economic engine is stalling? In Q1, GDP printed at a six-quarter low at 6.7% (vs 8.2%), and all projections show Q2 growth will fall more to a multi-quarter low of 6.5-6.7% (vs 7.8%). Also all numbers indicate urban demand is waning while rural is just picking up but not good enough to offset the slowing in the former.

Or does it indicate the government is seriously concerned about the plight of the public amidst rising inflation--as was made clear by the FM last Monday when responding to an X user's call for relief to the middle class from rising inflation, she said she understands the concern and that the government listens to citizens voices and thanked him for his understanding and inputs.

An RBI observer, who doesn't want to be named, said, "government calls for rate cuts mostly stem from the falling macro indicators. Of course, the government doesn't want to admit that all is not well on the economic front.

After all, if at all the rates are lowered say from February, its impact will take at least three to six quarters to manifest in macro numbers. "So, probably the government is trying to ensure that if at all growth falls short of the forecast this fiscal, which is more likely, it can take comfort that next fiscal can offset the losses of this fiscal," he told TNIE.

Another economist wondered how Union ministers can make wild demands when they know very well that the RBI is bound by the inflation targeting legislation that mandates it to bring it down to 2-4% with 2% leeway either way.

What's more surprising is that both the calls came in after inflation shot up to a 14-month high of 6.21% in October, he quipped.

"While one can ignore the call from the commerce minister, as he may have got some representations from importers given the falling rupee and the higher interest rates, the finance minister, under whose direct watch the RBI functions, making such a demand is quite strange," he added.

The FM's statement that since food prices are dictated by global supply issues, "we need to have more conversation on inflation-interest rate dynamics" points to another thinking in the government—on following its chief economic advisors call for skinning off food items form retail inflation and thus nudge to RBI to re-examine the interest rate-food inflation connection and possibly consider cutting rates sooner rather than later.

What is more important is that the pressure to cut rates comes at a vulnerable time for RBI. The three new MPC (monetary policy committee) members are newbies and may not be savvy enough to handle the diktat from the government. More importantly, deputy governor Michael Patra, the only MPC member since its inception, is retiring by mid-January. His absence will make it tougher for the MPC to fend off government pressures.

RBI VS GOVT TUG OF WAR

Das completes his near record six-year term on DECEMBER 12

This is the longest term since Benegal Rama Rau's, who helmed the central bank for 7.5 years FROM 1949-57

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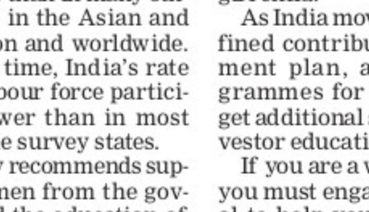

When Raghuram Rajan took over in September 2013, he too hiked rates by 25 bps to 7.50% in his first policy review in the same month

Despite public spat on rates during his term, Subbarao increased the rates from 4.75% in April 2009 to 7.25% in May 2013 to contain double-digits inflation

COMMERCE MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL SAID THE CENTRAL BANK SHOULD CUT INTEREST RATES

MONEY MATTERS

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE OF WOMEN MATTERS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

THE Maharashtra state assembly election results handed a thumping victory to the Bharatiya Janata Party-led coalition government that ruled the state. The introduction of the 'Ladki Bahin Yojana' (Favourite Sister Scheme) handed ₹ 1,500 per month dole to women who earn less than ₹2,50,000 per annum. It was introduced a few months before the announcement of the assembly elections. The opposition parties promised twice as much, and the ruling party promised to enhance the dole to ₹2,100 if they won. If the government keeps the promise, women will get more money.

A survey of the top five districts where the scheme received maximum response found a bump in women voter turnout, media reports said in a post-poll analysis. Most of the seats in those districts were won by the candidates of the ruling dispensation.

Financial markets loathe competitive socialism. They want efficient use of government money. Investors do not like the government spending on subsidies or giveaways. However, the situation in India demands steps like these to enhance the participation of women in the workforce. The lack of participation of women in the workforce hurts India's economy. Any support to women to become financially independent should be welcomed without any debate.

A new working paper published by the International Monetary Fund surveyed over 200,000 women in India to understand the impact of violence against women on the economy. A study for Nagpur in Maharashtra found that the average household loses the equivalent of almost two weeks' income per occurrence of domestic violence. In the long-term, economic growth suffers from lower human capital formation and diversion of investment from the much-needed physical infrastructure to health, judicial and social services.

The survey quotes the National Family Health Survey (2019-21) that approximately 1 in 3 women in India experienced physical, sexual, or emotional domestic violence. "This rate is higher than in many other countries in the Asian and Pacific region and worldwide. At the same time, India's rate of female labour force participation is lower than in most counties," the survey states.

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The survey recommends support for women from the government and the education of men and women to find skilled employment. It also asks the Indian government to be mindful of the fact that the incidences of domestic violence increase if the woman earns more than the man in the household. Such incidences are higher among poor households than the well-off.

The government should encourage financial independence among women as part of the institutional mechanism to support women. A culture of investing through retirement and financial planning must be a government priority. Besides launching investor awareness and education programmes, financial advisors could be given incentives to help women income earners plan and invest regularly.

Households should be given tax incentives if they invest in the name of women or the girl child.

As India moves towards a defined contribution-led retirement plan, awareness programmes for women should get additional support from investor education funds.

If you are a working woman, you must engage a professional to help you with financial planning. A lot of women happily let others in the family manage their money. They open joint bank accounts for the convenience of operation.

However, having another bank account that only you can operate may be a good idea. We know of those days when the government announced the demonetisation of ₹500 and ₹1000 notes, and many middle-class women were found stuck with an undisclosed stash in the cupboard. Even if you are managing the household budget, you must learn to use modern saving and investment techniques. Sign up for an online course that teaches the basics of savings and investments. You do not have to be a finance expert to manage your money.

If you are new to the wonderland of investment, index funds or exchange-traded funds are the best way to get started. If you are risk-averse, you can choose multi-asset funds like hybrid funds to earn a better return than fixed deposits or merely stash cash in the cupboard.

MONEY-WISE

MULTI CAP FUNDS - A MULTI-CUISINE BUFFET

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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(Views expressed here are personal)

TO qualify as a genuine all-rounder in cricket, one must not only be able to bat and bowl well but also field well. Kapil Dev and Ravindra Jadeja are two Indian cricketers who fit this description well. Multi-Cap funds are similar. As its title suggests, they are equity mutual funds that do not focus on a particular capitalisation category of companies but invest across multiple sectors and capitalisations. This makes them more diverse providing balanced exposure when compared to other traditional equity mutual fund schemes like Large or Mid-Cap or Small-Cap funds.

In September 2020, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) revised its earlier norms and asked the fund houses to invest a minimum of 25% each in large-cap, mid-cap and small-cap stocks in their respective multi cap schemes. The remaining portion that the fund has can be invested across market-caps or in debt and money market instruments.

While multi-cap funds can potentially outperform large-cap and mid-cap funds when the markets are on the ascent, they remain subject to market volatility because, at any given point, they must have 50% exposure to mid-cap and small-cap stocks.

Multi cap funds thus offer flexibility to the fund manager to switch between stocks and accord additional or lesser weightage to stocks of a particular market capitalisation depending on the fund manager's reading of the market trend, in order to achieve higher returns.

Like every Equity category fund, multi-cap funds too have a long-term investment horizon and tend to accentuate risk if invested for short time frames, given that market volatility has greater impact in the near term.

The primary feature and advantage of investing in multi cap funds is diversification. Multi cap funds and Flexi cap funds are two variants of an equity fund that invest across market capitalisations. Of the two, multi-cap is perceived (not necessarily rightly) to be relatively safer as the market cap segregation is already provided by SEBI while, in a flexi-cap fund the fund manager has the freedom to invest in any proportion across different market capitalisations. More importantly, while investing in mutual funds, investors must not only focus on increasing returns but also on reducing risks.

Taxation of multi-cap funds is no different from any other Equity mutual fund.

If one sells their investments within 1 year, the gains are classified as Short Term Capital Gain (STCG) and 20% tax is payable. Whereas, for any multi cap investment held for more than one year, the gains are classified as Long Term Capital Gain (LTCG).

Such gains of up to ₹1 lakh in a financial year are tax free. Beyond ₹1 lakh, LTCG is taxed at the rate of 12.5%.

In next fortnight's column, we shall turn the spotlight on a few multi-cap schemes, their market cap mix and performances.

Gold prices rebound to ₹80k-level despite Trump's aggressive trade policy

PTI @ New Delhi

GOLD prices have breached ₹80,000 per 10 grams levels in major Indian cities, recovering from the impact of Donald Trump's expected high tariff trade policy and a firm US dollar, analysts said.

A flare-up in geopolitical tensions due to the Russia-Ukraine war is bolstering the precious metal, which crossed the $2,700 an ounce level in global markets, they added. The uncertainty surrounding the US economy and volatile stock markets are also driving inflows into the safe-haven, however, the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) cautious attitude towards policy interest rate and strong US dollar are acting as headwinds for the bullion, analysts stated.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold prices tanked ₹6,775, or 8.5%, to hit ₹73,000 per 10 grams after Donald Trump's victory raised expectations of a restricted trade policy by the US. "Gold prices had fallen 8% after the US election results. "The strengthening US dollar index which rose from $101 to 107.5 pressured gold immensely, while Trump's pro-cryptocurrency stance during his campaign diverted investor funds seeking higher returns," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst, Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said.

Further, Trump's pledge to impose a 10% tariff on all US imports further limits the Federal Reserve's ability to ease aggressively, adding to the downward pressure on gold, he said.

However, recent missile attacks by Russia at the Ukrainian city of Dnipro heightened geopolitical tensions, bolstering the gold's appeal as safe haven investment.

'Faceless' I-T assessment initiative struggles to deliver

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE Faceless Assessment mechanism is aimed to revolutionise tax administration by enhancing transparency and efficiency. However, as the system has evolved, it has faced significant challenges that have hindered its effectiveness, raising concerns among taxpayers and tax professionals alike. One of the primary issues is the limited opportunity for real-time interaction between taxpayers and assessing officers.

The absence of video conferencing for cases involving complex disputes has made it difficult for taxpayers to clarify factual nuances or rectify misunderstandings. This lack of direct communication often leads to arbitrary assessments and prolonged disputes, frustrating many taxpayers who find themselves unable to effectively present their cases.

"Taxpayers often struggle to clarify factual nuances or correct understandings, leading to arbitrary assessments or prolonged disputes," says Punit Shah, Partner, Dhruva Advisors. According to him, technical difficulties have further complicated the assessment process. Taxpayers frequently encounter bulk upload errors, stringent size limits for document submissions, and various glitches within the system. These barriers prevent individuals from providing detailed evidence, undermining the goal of a fair and transparent assessment process.

Vivek Jalan, founder of Tax Connect Advisory Services, pointed out that large taxpayers face unique challenges as their extensive financial records can overwhelm assessing officers. The inability to have personalised discussions often leads to inflated demands that could be easily resolved in a manual hearing.

To mitigate these issues, Jalan suggests allowing taxpayers to request assessments by Jurisdictional Assessing Officers for more complex cases, ensuring a localised and personalised approach. Additionally, while income tax laws permit video conferencing for assessments, the current system's limitations have led to inadequate access to recordings of these sessions. Taxpayers have struggled with the short validity period of these links, and the lack of sharing them further complicates matters.

He recommends that these recordings be made readily available on the income tax e-filing portal for easier access and download. Meanwhile, Shah of Dhruva Advisors highlights the need for mandatory or easily accessible video conferencing sessions for cases involving significant disputes or complex factual matters.

'US capital mkt regulator has no jurisdiction to summon foreign national'

PTI @ New York

US SEC will have to serve the summons on Adani Group Founder and Chairman Gautam Adani and his nephew Sagar in the alleged $265 million (₹2,200 crore) payoffs through proper diplomatic channels as it has no jurisdiction to summon a foreign national directly, according to sources.

US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) wants Adanis to explain their stand on allegations of paying bribes to secure lucrative solar power contracts but that request will have to follow the established protocol of routing it through the Indian Embassy in the US and following other diplomatic formalities, two sources aware of the matter said.

The US SEC has no jurisdiction over foreign nationals and cannot send anything by post to them. The 1965 Hague Convention and the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty between India and the US governs such matters.

These clearly lay out the established procedure to be followed in such requests. The summons, which is part of the legal docket that SEC filed before a New York court, will take some time before it can actually be served on the Adanis, they said. No summons has been served on Adanis so far.

"Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it)... you must serve on the plaintiff (SEC) an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," said the US SEC notice of November 21.

"If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court," it added.

Sinner powers Italy past Australia to final

World No 1 Jannik Sinner defeated Alex de Minaur in straight sets to power holders Italy into the Davis Cup final with a 2-0 victory over Australia on Saturday. The two-time winners will face Netherlands in Sunday's showpiece after the Dutch ousted Germany 2-0 on Friday to make the final for the first time in 104 years of trying.

Jazball Down Under: Twin centuries put India on top

Yashasvi, Kohli hit tons before early wickets leave Australia wanting

GOMESH S @ Chennai

VIRAT Kohli was walking back to the batting crease, looking around for some sign at the Perth Stadium. He looked around for the umpire to signal something and searched for the big digital screen for confirmation. At 96, he had just swept Nathan Lyon to the fine-leg boundary, but was not sure whether the fielder stopped it or not.

Kohli even turns around and asks Alex Carey something along the lines of whether he had hit it for four. He looked at the square leg umpire and the big screen again. He wants someone to confirm it. He has been through enough in the last five years to know centuries don't come easy. Not any more for him. In fact, he hadn't hit one in the longest format in more than a year. Since his last visit to Australia, Kohli had just two centuries in Tests. He has come close before falling short so many times that it doesn't come easy anymore. He doesn't want to celebrate before knowing. He turns towards the main umpire, and gets the nod. Finally, the smile of relief comes as the arms go aloft. Kohli had reached his 30th Test century, 81st in international cricket. The helmet came off as he celebrated with a flying kiss towards his wife in the stands.

It was a moment he had to wait way too long for. And not just him, even the Indian team in the dressing room. The scoreboard read 487/6 and they had a lead of 533. Jasprit Bumrah instantly declared to have a crack at Australia in the last half-an-hour. The pitch had slowed down but the bounce was inconsistent. Indian pacers have a little over two days to keep attacking the stumps but they needed some early wickets.

All Bumrah took was four balls to hit Nathan McSweeney on the pads with the ball coming back sharply from length. First wicket gone. Mohammed Siraj removed Pat Cummins who came in as night watchman but the icing on the cake was Bumrah making the ball shoot from length and hit Marnus Labuschagne on the pads. The ball kept low and fingers went up immediately. Australia 12/3 at stumps with a mountain to climb.

As the happy Indian team walked off the field on Sunday, everyone in the team pushed a cheeky youngster to the front. A 22-year-old Yashasvi Jaiswal with a sheepish grin led the team off the field. Yes, Kohli scored a brilliant century and yes, Bumrah put India on top once again. But every single member of the team knew one thing. If not for Jaiswal, they wouldn't be in this position.

The youngster, who had already entered the 90s, ensured India did not slip up the advantage. Even after KL Rahul got out, he went out to smash 161 runs, his fourth Test ton in a young career, thrashing all the doubts cast over him after the first innings. He was always going to be the breakout star of this series and Jaiswal showed why. Bumrah set the stage on day one, Jaiswal built on it. Now, over to Bumrah again to finish it off on Monday.

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings 150; Australia 1st Innings: 104; India 2nd Innings: Jaiswal c Smith b Marsh 161, Rahul c Carey b Starc 77, Padikkal c Smith b Hazlewood 25, Kohli not out 100, Pant st Alex Carey b Lyon 1, Jurel lbw b Cummins 1, Sundar b Lyon 29, Reddy not out 38; **Extras:** (B-22, LB-15, W-7, NB-11) 55; **Total** (For 6 wkts, 134.3 ovs) 487; **FoW:** 1-201, 2-275, 3-313, 4-320, 5-321, 6-410; **Bowling:** Starc 26-2-111-1, Hazlewood 21-9-28-1, Cummins 25-5-86-1, Marsh 12-0-65-1, Lyon 39-5-96-2, Labuschagne 6.3-0-38-0, Head 5-0-26-0; **Australia 2nd Innings:** McSweeney lbw Bumrah 0, Khawaja batting 3, Cummins c Kohli b Siraj 2, Labuschagne lbw Bumrah 3; **Extras:** (b-4) 4; **Total:** (for 3 wkts in 4.2 ovs) 12; **FoW:** 1-0, 2-9, 3-12; **Bowling:** Bumrah 2.2-1-1-2, Siraj 2-0-7-1.

(Top) Yashasvi Jaiswal became only third Indian to hit century in his first Test in Australia. Virat Kohli celebrates his 30th Test ton on Sunday | AP

Indian all-rounder trumps overseas stars

One of the IPL's certainties has been overseas all-rounders commanding big money. The likes of Marcus Stoinis, Glenn Maxwell and Liam Livingstone have been in demand because of their unique attributes. This time out, while all of them did go for big money, they were trumped by **Venkatesh Iyer**, who became the fourth most expensive IPL player of all time. He went back to Kolkata for well over north of ₹23.75 cr as the defending champions seek to keep their core intact.

THE WHO, WHAT AND WHY

With 72 players finding teams on day one of the IPL mega auction, a look at few talking points...

Captains go for big bucks

As was expected, all three of **Rishabh Pant**, KL Rahul and **Shreyas Iyer** were signed for well in excess of ₹12.5 cr. Having skippered IPL sides with varying levels of success -- Shreyas' price perhaps a touch inflated because he led Kolkata Knight Riders to the title in 2024 – these three were always going to keep the paddle raisers busy. Pant being a left-handed wicket-keeper who can bat in the middle-order means that's a very rare skillset. In all, it wasn't a surprise that Pant set a new IPL record set by Shreyas a few minutes ago.

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Rishabh Pant became the most expensive player in the history of the league as he went for **₹27 crore** to LSG, surpassing *Shreyas Iyer's* **₹26.75** crore signing of PBKS

PURSE REMAINING (in crore — INR)

CSK (15.6), SRH (5.15), RR (17.35), MI (26.1), GT (17.5), LSG (14.85), KKR (10.05), PBKS (22.5), RCB (30.65), DC (13.8)

PLAYERS SIGNED

CSK (7), SRH (8), RR (5), MI (4). GT (9), LSG (7), KKR (7), PBKS (10), RCB (6), DC (9)

Changing face of T20 cricket at the top

Once upon a time, the likes of **David Warner, Jonny Bairstow and Quinton de Kock** were the de-facto choices in the T20 world. These days, not so much. A new generation of batters are here to thrill and it was in greater evidence at this year's auction. Jake Fraser McGurk went for big money. As was the case with Phil Salt, who will likely open the batting with Virat Kohli for Bangalore. After they missed out on Salt, Kolkata pivoted to Rahmanullah Gurbaz, another player they know well from last year.

Always in demand: Left-arm pace

Arshdeep Singh. T Natarajan. Khaleel Ahmed... every year, this same pattern repeats itself. India left-arm seamers, as long as they aren't retained, signed for big money. It's the rarest of the rare commodities in the world of cricket and one can understand the demand.

Of homecomings and new beginnings

GOMESH S @ Chennai

THE 2025 IPL auction was always going to be about new beginnings. Everyone knew as much from the moment Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul were not retained by the respective franchises. But the opening day of the spectacle happening in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, also showed why it was also going to be one of homecomings.

Punjab Kings and Lucknow Super Giants broke the bank for Pant and Shreyas as they went for ₹27 and ₹26.75 crore, respectively, becoming the two most expensive players in the history of the tournament. The other star, KL Rahul, in a surprising way, went only for ₹14 crore to Delhi Capitals. As things stand, at least two of them are expected to lead the respective franchises but cannot be surprised if all three do.

Now, this much was known. But what also happened was how franchises were keen to get back the players who did well in the past, sometimes at a premium. Venkatesh Iyer, for example, was signed by Kolkata Knight Riders for ₹20 crore, the third highest in this ongoing auction. They also spent ₹3 crore for Angkrish Raghuvanshi, who is earmarked as a potential superstar.

Similarly, Chennai Super Kings got back R Ashwin for ₹9.75 crore after nine years, but also signed Rachin Ravindra (₹4 crore), Devon Conway (₹6.25 crore) and Vijay Shankar (₹1.2 crore). Mumbai, likewise, went big for Trent Boult (₹12.25 crore) and Naman Dhir (₹5.25 crore), both of whom have been a part of the team in past, after sitting out the first four sets in the auction. Rajasthan Royals got back Jofra Archer for ₹12.5 crore and PBKS used RTM to get Arshdeep Singh for ₹18 crore before signing Glenn Maxwell (₹4.2 crore).

KKR CEO Venky Mysore explained the rationale on his part about Venkatesh bidding. "...I think at the end of the day it's about the player that you want and the type of player you want in your setup and prices of course have a meaning within a certain brand and so I think it surprises you all the time. When you have salary caps like this which keeps going up obviously prices will also expand," he said, before adding, "But for us it was about trying to keep our core, we kept six players and now we brought 2-3 players back from last year."

As for new beginnings, there were quite a few top players who found new teams for big money including Jos Butter (₹15.75 cr, GT), Ishan Kishan (₹11.25 cr, SRH), Mitchell Starc (₹11.75 cr, DC), Yuzvendra Chahal (₹18 cr, PBKS), Noor Ahmad (₹10 cr, CSK), Phil Salt (₹11.5 cr, RCB). By and large the signings were about complimenting the core they already have while balancing out with the best players they can get.

As many as 72 players were signed and ₹467.95 crore was spent on Sunday, but the show is not over. A lot to happen on Monday as well where teams will look to put together the final pieces of the puzzle while making up for the adjustments they had to do on Sunday.

EXPRESS READ

Barcelona held by Celta Vigo

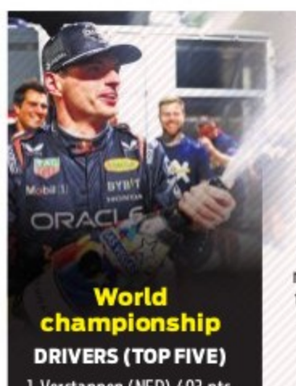
VIGO: La Liga leaders Barcelona suffered a dramatic collapse in a 2-2 draw at Celta Vigo. Raphinha and Robert Lewandowski's goals put the Catalans in a healthy position but Marc Casado's red card in the 82nd minute helped Celta snatch a point. Barcelona have won 11 league games this season so far.

Paltan beat Bengal Warriorz

NOIDA: Puneri Paltan produced a clinical performance as they beat Bengal Warriorz 51-34 in their match to move to third place in the Pro Kabaddi League standings. Paltan showcased their raiding prowess through Mohit Goyat, Akash Shinde and Pankaj Mohit, as they inflicted four ALL OUTs on Sunday.

Oly champ An wins China crown

HONG KONG: South Korea's Olympic champion and World No 1 An Se Young blew away home hope Gao Fangjie in just 38 minutes to win the China Masters on Sunday. The 22-year-old triumphed for the first time since her Paris Games exploits with a ruthless 21-12, 21-8 victory over the unseeded Gao.



World championship

DRIVERS (TOP FIVE)

1. Verstappen (NED) 403 pts, 2. Norris (GBR) 340, 3. Leclerc (MON) 319, 4. Oscar Piastri (AUS) 268, 5. Sainz (ESP) 259

CONSTRUCTORS (TOP FIVE)

1. McLaren-Mercedes 608 pts, 2. Ferrari 584, 3. Red Bull 555, 4. Mercedes 425, 5. Aston Martin-Mercedes 86

Verstappen on top of the world again

Max Verstappen claimed a fourth consecutive Formula One world title under the lights of the Las Vegas Grand Prix on Saturday. A look...

HIGH FIVE FOR DUTCHMAN

The 27-year-old Dutchman came home in fifth place in a race won by George Russell of Mercedes as he became just the sixth man after Michael Schumacher, Lewis Hamilton, Juan Manuel Fangio, Sebastian Vettel and Alain Prost to claim four championships. McLaren's Lando Norris, who was Verstappen's only title rival, finished in sixth place.

MERCEDES DOMINATE DAY

Russell claimed the third win of his career as Mercedes delivered an impressive one-two. The 26-year-old Briton started on pole and came home seven seconds clear of seven-time champion Hamilton, who produced a vintage drive from 10th on the grid to secure a record 202nd podium finish.

Las Vegas GP results (Top 5): 1. George Russell (GBR/Mercedes) 1 h 22: 05.969, 2. Lewis Hamilton (GBR/Mercedes) + 7.313, 3. Carlos Sainz (ESP/Ferrari) + 11.906, 4. Charles Leclerc (MON/Ferrari) + 14.283, 5. Max Verstappen (NED/Red Bull) + 16.582

Salah sends Reds eight points clear

AGENCIES @ Southampton

MOHAMED Salah fired Liverpool eight points clear at the top of the Premier League as the leaders survived a scare from lowly Southampton thanks to the Egypt star's second half double in a 3-2 away win on Sunday.

Arne Slot's side had squandered the lead given to them by Dominik Szoboszlai's second goal this season as Adam Armstrong levelled before the break at St Mary's. Mateus Fernandes put bottom of the table Southampton ahead after the interval before Salah sparred Liverpool's blushes.

Salah coolly netted the equaliser and then held his nerve to stroke home the late penalty that gave him 12 goals in all competitions this season and six in his last five league appearances.

Mohamed Salah scored twice as Liverpool beat Southampton 3-2 | AFP

Thanks to Salah's late heroics, Liverpool have left second-placed Manchester City trailing in their wake after the champions' dismal 4-0 defeat against Tottenham on Saturday.

Amorim begins with a point

IPSWICH: Ruben Amorim started his journey as head coach of Manchester United with a 1-1 draw against Ipswich Town. Marcus Rashford gave Amorim's side a dream start, scoring in the second minute of the game but Ipswich fought back before equalising through Omari Hutchinson's brilliant strike at the stroke of half-time. Man United remain in 12th position with 16 points while Ipswich stay in relegation zone.

Blasters shine in 2nd-half to sink Chennaiyin FC

ENS @ Kochi

KERALA Blasters produced a strong show in the second-half to beat Chennaiyin FC 3-0 in the ongoing Indian Super League in Kochi, on Sunday. After a tightly-contested affair in the opening 45 minutes, goals from Jesus Jimenez (56'), Noah Sadaoui (70') and Rahul KP (90+2') in the second period of play helped the home side collect maximum points against Owen Coyle's Chennaiyin.

Blasters' Adrian Luna was influential in the middle of the park and was involved in the build-up to a couple of goals for the home side.

The Blasters had suffered three consecutive (two at home) defeats coming into Sunday's clash and this is a welcome result for Mikael Stahre's team.

With this victory, Blasters moved to eighth spot in the table. Chennaiyin, meanwhile, dropped to sixth position. They were placed fourth heading into the contest and now have three losses so far this season.

Blasters will be hoping to emulate this performance when they take on FC Goa on November 28.

Chennaiyin, meanwhile, will be hoping to bounce back when they face Mohun Bagan Super Giant on November 30.

Set for board exam: Gukesh plotting to lift India to pinnacle of chess world

ON November 23, 2014, Viswanathan Anand, the owner of five world titles, tried for one final time. But the young world champion, Magnus Carlsen, kept the door shut. In the Russian resort town of Sochi, the Norwegian, playing with white, took an unassailable lead to signal the end of Anand's challenge. As Anand watched on, Carlsen celebrated. 6.5-4.5.

Since then, Carlsen and others have battled to be in the winner's circle, to win chess's ultimate honour. The World Championship. Ten years and a few days later, an Indian will again have the chance to script history when the latest edition of the World Championship commences in Singapore on Monday. For somebody who has already rewritten some records, D Gukesh, still only 18, has the opportunity to walk on water and go to a place where no other chess player in history has ventured. Become the youngest world champion. Can the youngest Candidate in history do it?

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If Anand's first world title in 2000 was India's own moon landing event, as long as Gukesh can emulate 'my inspiration', it will be India formally opening a colony of their own; a modern chess superpower rubber-stamping their dominance across 64 squares. How did a country, recognised as the founding father of one of the first versions of chess, get here? The short answer? A perfect storm meant the road to Monday was in the post for at least the last decade. The long answer?

Here's Srinath Narayanan's, the player-turned-coach who played a big role in the Open team winning gold at the Olympiad, take. "It has been building up for a very long time," he tells this daily. "What has happened in the last 24 months, it started

10-12 years ago when all these kids were growing up. A generation of talented prodigies getting good guidance on the way. I think a number of things came together. Now, we are here."

It all began when Anand won his first title in 2000. Young parents suddenly saw chess as a viable career option. If nothing else, they saw the game as a 'very intellectual one', and 'very safe to play'. So, they encouraged their kids to play the game, at least at the recreational level. That sort of sentiment has been more prevalent in South India. GM Narayanan explains. "In general, having a good intellect is very well respected in this region. Chess, being primarily an intellectual sport, commands a lot of respect so parents are very happy for their kids to have a hobby like chess compared to a more physical sport."

If Anand was the first step in the process, an outlier, a dot on the edge of a plotline, what has happened since has largely been organic. RB Ramesh, who put his cricket bat on the loft as a kid after watching Anand, traces the last 10 years. "It didn't happen overnight," Ramesh, who continues to play a big role in polishing the likes of R Praggnanandhaa and R Vaishali, tells this masthead. "There has been a gradual evolution. 2014 was an important year for India as we won age-group medals at the world level." If 2014 was Ground Zero for this particular generation of wunderkinds, it was sandwiched by two developments. Narayanan captures what happened to the generation which immediately followed Anand. "It's about previous generations being inspired after watching Vishy on TV," the 30-year-old says. "He played at the Worlds in 1995 (against Garry Kasparov in New York), people saw that. He became a household name. I think it was that generation taking up chess and passing on the skills to the next generations. Things started multiplying from there onwards." Ramesh, part of that first generation, takes the story forward. "This generation (Arjun Erigaisi, Gukesh, Praggnanadhaa) are believing in themselves," he says. "The earlier generation had doubts because of various constraints. As things started getting better, each generation became better than the previous one.

Crucially, a generation of GMs and IMs wanted to become coaches and trainers. Ramesh, Vishnu Prasanna, Vishal Sareen, Swayams Mishra, Abhijit Kunte, Narayanan... you get the drift. This, in essence, is the link between Anand and the tyros currently running amok across the chessboard.

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Golden generations are not just defined by what they won. They are also defined by what they failed to win. The current generation has already filled their boots with multiple team medals. They have already created history. Now, Gukesh has the chance to complete the first full circle for this generation. Global individual gold.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

FORMAT

- 14 Classical Games
- First person to score 7.5 games win the final (each win is worth a point while a draw means 0.5 points for both)
- If scores are level after the 14 games, it goes into tie-breaks
- Time control for the 14 Classical games
- Both players will get 120 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with a 30-second increment beginning from the 41st move.
- Time control for tie-breaks, if needed
- Two sets of rapid playoffs.
- First set of rapid playoffs will be over four games with a time control of 15 minutes with a 10 second increment from the first move.
- If it's still level, a best of two rapid tiebreak with shorter time controls will take place; 10 minutes with a five second increment from the first move.
- If it's still level, there will be a two game blitz playoff

UCLA alumna, own law firm, adviser to Women in Sport, India — Aahna Mehrotra is an advocate at the pinnacle of sports law. Hence, **Lovely Majumdar** engaged in a conversation with her so that law students can pick a leaf or two from her inspiring book. Here are sharp insights into sports law

play to win

IT'S GAME ON FOR SPORTS LAW

LAW exists wherever there are rules, and how can one not think of sports in this context? While the ambit of sports law as a career may seem limited and "underdeveloped" for students interested in pursuing law, it is a tangible reality.

Here's Aahna Mehrotra, who has been an exemplary 'player' in the field for more than ten years now! Mehrotra pursued Sports Law from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law and founded AM Sports Law & Management Co in 2017. *EdexLive* spoke to her about what inspired her to choose the field which serendipitously aligned with her interests.

La Liga, Premier League, Indian Premier League (IPL), National Basketball Agency (NBA)...these sports leagues have evolved into major global industries, with large revenues coming in from media rights, sponsorships, merchandise, and ticket sales. The need for legal expertise in contracts, intellectual property, and advertising has skyrocketed. With the growing popularity of esports, the scope of sports continues to expand. Thus, this Q&A aims to offer a clear perspective on why sports law could be your chosen career path if you are a law enthusiast.

What is Sports Law?

1 Sports Law, while often termed as a misnomer (as it is largely the application of general principles of law to sport), can essentially be broken up into three parts, ie, (i) rules of the game, which are largely dealt with by referees and umpires; (ii) laws designed specifically to govern sport — since it is an international area of work and athletes from different countries compete against each other, it is important that everyone be placed on a level playing field; (iii) laws that are applicable to transactions that take place in the sports industry, which range from intellectual property laws to labour laws, from mergers & acquisition to taxation, from data privacy to contract law.

What are the lucrative career choices that the field offers?

2 One can work with a law firm that does work in the area or one can work in-house with entities that are in the business of sport. The latter could range from working with an IPL team to working with multi-sport IP (teams and tournaments) owners (of which there are plenty); from sports tech & data companies to sports goods companies; from sport broadcasters to sport operators; there is also the governance (work in a federation) and the dispute resolution (especially anti-doping) side of things.

There is also the whole gaming space now, be it fantasy leagues (Dream11), casual gaming (MPL), Esports (BGMI), and sports betting (not legal in India) where one can explore various opportunities.

How has your international exposure influenced your perspective on sports law and governance, and how do you apply it in an Indian context?

3 I studied about 'Financial Fair Play' rules introduced by UEFA and the reasons for introduction of the same (sustainability of football and the club culture), as far back as in 2013. Having been involved in setting up more than 15 leagues, across the world, I have undertaken a reasonable amount of self-study on why certain projects worked and others failed.

In India, in a 15 year period (post-launch of IPL — until about the end of COVID), more than 30 sports leagues, across sports, mushroomed in India, of which only ½ survived to do a second season and only 1/3rd continue to exist in the post-COVID era. In India, there is a private company that takes exclusive rights and sanction from a federation to start a league in exchange of a fee.

When sports federations or a league owner engage with me, I borrow the principles of financial fair play (sustainability) and apply it to the league context, and try to explain to federations that charging a huge sanction fee to grant exclusive rights is not what is going to benefit the sport (not the long term solution). Sport, as a business, has a huge gestation period, so one needs to be cautious about the expenses made in the initial years.

What do you believe are the most important skills that young professionals in this field need to develop?

4 Opting for a mere course at law school or pursuing an LLM is no longer enough (I don't advise people, at all, to take a loan and pursue a Master's in Sports Law from a university abroad). One must read (read a lot, and there is no shortcut to it), write (publish articles, maintain blogs, and so on), and try to get as much work (internship) experience as they can (not just in sports law but also related fields — sometimes even the business side of things instead of a law firm) — things that can set you apart.

As an adviser to Women in Sport, India, what changes are needed to improve the representation of women in sports?

5 As our female athletes continue to demonstrate exceptional progress and achievements on the field, it is equally critical to support them with talented and capable female leaders off the field. The National Sports Governance Bill mandates 30% representation of women, which is a step forward in the right direction. However, the bill does not make it compulsory for a woman to be appointed as an office bearer or necessitate the presence of a woman member to form a quorum. Making provisions for the latter will enable women's voices to be heard. Further, emphasis should be laid upon appointing skilled women to the correct positions to ensure a meaningful impact.

Aahna Mehrotra started playing sports at the age of five. She knew that true happiness for her lay in uniting both her vocation (law) and passion (sports). She consciously decided to specialise in sports and related fields like entertainment and media, including Intellectual Property (IP) laws

Mehrotra has worked with Warner Bros and other notable names

SHARPEN YOUR EDGE KEY SKILLS EVERY ASPIRING LAW STUDENT SHOULD MASTER

Critical thinking for analysing legal problems and crafting arguments
Tips: Engage in debates; question assumptions; practice case analysis

Research skills, for finding relevant laws and case histories
Tips: Familiarise yourself with legal databases; practice writing research papers

Communication Skills, for presenting arguments clearly in speech and writing
Tips: Participate in moot courts; join speaking clubs; write essays

Attention to detail, for drafting precise legal documents
Tips: Proofread work; practice drafting contracts; focus exercises

Ethical understanding, for upholding professional responsibility
Tips: Study ethics courses; discuss ethical dilemmas; attend seminars

Technological proficiency, for utilising legal software and virtual platforms
Tips: Learn legal tech tools; take online courses; stay updated

Law & Disorder!

DID YOU KNOW THESE UNUSUAL FACTS ABOUT INDIAN LAW?

Flying a kite technically requires a permit
According to the Indian Aircraft Act, 1934, Section 11, kites are considered aircraft and flying one without a permit is technically illegal

You can be jailed for cheating in an exam in Maharashtra
According to the Maharashtra Prevention of Malpractices at University, Board and Other Specified Examinations Act, 1982, cheating in exams can lead to imprisonment of up to six months

You can be jailed for pocketing a ₹20 note you find on the street
According to the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878, if you find "treasure" worth more than ₹10, you must report it to authorities if you don't want to face penalties

The Ganga and Yamuna rivers briefly had the same legal rights as human beings
In a 2017 ruling by the Uttarakhand High Court, the Ganges and Yamuna rivers were granted the status of legal entities, hoping to curb their pollution. However, just a few months later, the Supreme Court overturned the ruling, deeming it unsustainable

Failing to report a locust attack is punishable in Delhi
According to the East Punjab Agricultural Pests, Diseases, and Noxious Weeds Act, 1949, not informing authorities about a locust invasion can lead to penalties, as it's considered a civic and legal duty

Legal maxims

Every CLAT aspirant should know

- **Ignorantia Juris Non Excusat** (Ignorance of the law excuses not)
One cannot escape liability by claiming unawareness of the law.
- **Audi Alteram Partem** (Hear the other side)
Ensures all parties receive a fair hearing before a decision is made.
- **Nemo Judex in Sua Causa** (No one should be a judge in their own cause)
Prevents conflicts of interest and promotes impartiality in judgments.
- **Volenti Non Fit Injuria** (To a willing person, no injury is done)
Consent to risk negates liability for resulting harm.
- **Actus Non Facit Reum Nisi Mens Sit Rea** (The act does not make one guilty unless the mind is also guilty)
Establishes the need for criminal intent alongside the wrongful act.
- **Res Ipsa Loquitur** (The thing speaks for itself)
In tort law, the nature of an accident implies negligence without needing further proof.
- **Ubi Jus Ibi Remedium** (Where there is a right, there is a remedy)
Legal rights must have corresponding remedies in law.
- **Qui Facit Per Alium Facit Per Se** (He who acts through another does the act himself)
Establishes vicarious liability; principals are responsible for their agents' actions.

JUSTICE, STEP BY STEP

Understanding the Indian judicial system

Call of the courts

Supreme Court of India — *Apex court at the national level; the highest judicial authority in India*

Serves as the final court of appeal for civil and criminal cases. It interprets the Constitution, ensuring laws align with constitutional provisions. The Supreme Court also resolves disputes between states or between the centre and states and protects citizens' fundamental rights through its writ jurisdiction.

High Courts — *Highest court at the state or union territory level; each state or group of states has its own high court*

Hears appeals from lower courts within the state, both civil and criminal. High courts can issue writs for enforcing fundamental rights and have original jurisdiction in certain cases. They supervise subordinate courts to ensure the proper administration of justice.

District and sessions courts — *Principal civil and criminal courts at the district level*

District courts handle substantial civil cases like property disputes and contracts. Sessions courts try serious criminal offences such as murder and theft. They act as the first level of appeal from subordinate courts and ensure justice is accessible at the local level.

Subordinate Courts — *Operate under District Courts; include Civil Judges (Junior and Senior Divisions) and Judicial Magistrates*

Deal with civil matters like small claims, family disputes, and minor property issues. Handle lesser criminal cases involving offences with lighter penalties.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Landmark verdicts in Indian history: These cases reshaped India's legal system

Kesavananda Bharati v State of Kerala (1973)

Established the "Basic Structure Doctrine" of the Constitution

SWAMI Kesavananda Bharati, head of a Kerala monastery, challenged land reform laws that affected his property's management. He argued that the amendments altered the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution. The Supreme Court held that while Parliament can amend any part of the Constitution, it cannot alter its basic structure or essential features like secularism, democracy, and judicial review.

Impact: Limited Parliament's power to amend fundamental aspects, preserving the Constitution's core principles and ensuring checks and balances.

Maneka Gandhi v Union of India (1978)

Expanded the interpretation of Article 21 (Right to Life and Personal Liberty) to include the "due process of law"

MANEKA Gandhi's passport was impounded without giving her an opportunity to be heard, violating natural justice. She challenged this arbitrary action. The Supreme Court ruled that any law affecting personal liberty must be just, fair, and reasonable, ensuring that procedures are not oppressive.

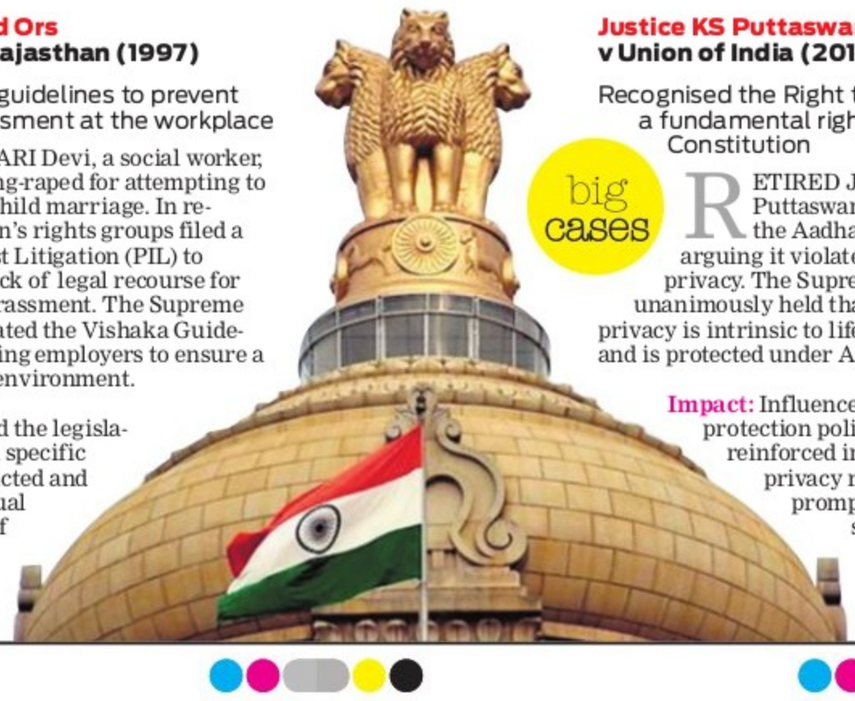
Impact: Strengthened the protection of individual rights against arbitrary state actions and broadened the scope of fundamental rights.

Vishaka and Ors v State of Rajasthan (1997)

Established guidelines to prevent sexual harassment at the workplace

BHANWARI Devi, a social worker, was gang-raped for attempting to stop a child marriage. In response, women's rights groups filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) to address the lack of legal recourse for workplace harassment. The Supreme Court formulated the Vishaka Guidelines, mandating employers to ensure a safe working environment.

Impact: Filled the legislative void until specific laws were enacted and led to the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013.



big cases

Justice KS Puttaswamy (Retd) v Union of India (2017)

Recognised the Right to Privacy as a fundamental right under the Constitution

RETIRED Justice Puttaswamy challenged the Aadhaar scheme, arguing it violated citizens' privacy. The Supreme Court unanimously held that the right to privacy is intrinsic to life and liberty and is protected under Article 21.

Impact: Influenced data protection policies and reinforced individual privacy rights, prompting discussions on surveillance and data security.

Navtej Singh Johar v Union of India (2018)

Decriminalised consensual homosexual acts among adults

PETITIONERS from the LGBTQ+ community challenged Section 377 of the IPC, which criminalised same-sex relations. The Supreme Court ruled that criminalising consensual homosexual acts violated fundamental rights to dignity, privacy, and equality.

Impact: Legalised homosexuality, advancing LGBTQ+ rights and promoting inclusivity and non-discrimination.

— *Compiled by Nikhil Abhishek*

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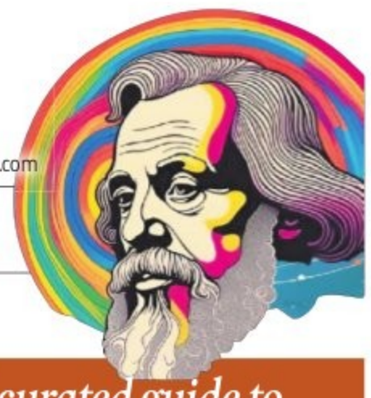

DAY'S DIARY

Castro passes away

Cuban revolutionary Fidel Castro passed away in 2016 in Havana, at 90. His brother, President Raul Castro, announced this on national television

NINE DAYS OF MOURNING

Cuba declared nine days of national mourning to mark Castro's death. His demise prompted emotional scenes in Havana and Miami, tributes and reflections from world leaders

RADICAL REFORMS

From 1959 onwards, Castro's rule spanned five decades. He focussed on radical reform, with establishing schools and clinics throughout the island

BEGINNINGS

Castro was born in 1926. Later, as a lawyer at Havana University, he was marked for politics being a brilliant student orator and athlete

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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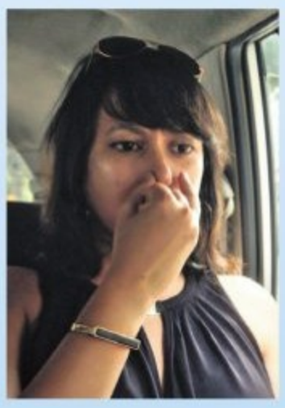
A STOREY of love

Love at Fifth Floor, a five-part mini-series set in a Bengaluru apartment complex, explores desire and friendship through the lives of three ordinary women

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

INDIAN cinema has come a long way from portraying sexuality through metaphors like flowers 'kissing' in a field or relegating women characters to the roles of virtuous wives or scheming vamps, yet films that explore women's sexuality in a nuanced way – eschewing this binary – remain rare. Aditi Banerjee's internationally acclaimed mini-series, *Love at Fifth Floor*, released on the Open Theatre OTT platform earlier this month, seeks to challenge this narrative. "I feel like female desire is still depicted in a very over-the-top way. Either you're in a mini skirt, having a drink and talking about sex, or you're a homemaker in a domestic serial. I wanted to break that mould – why is desire only for a certain kind of woman?" Banerjee asks.



The series follows the lives of three women: a young homemaker and mother, an unhappily married CEO, and a polyamorous professor. Played by Rachna Gupta, Dilnaz Irani, and Virginia Rodrigues, respectively, their journeys take unexpected turns as they are forced to confront their relationships, desires, and ambitions. The homemaker stumbles upon a video chat room, the professor faces societal pressure to marry, and the CEO stumbles upon a risqué video on her husband's laptop. "I want to give agency to my characters and in everyday situations. A homemaker has her own desires and her own needs. Someone who is polyamorous doesn't need to 'look' polyamorous. She can be like this traditional-looking person who teaches at a college. So I wanted to break those images of women and their world of desire," Banerjee explains.

The story takes place in an unassuming apartment complex in Bengaluru, with the characters' lives unravelling behind closed doors. Explaining her fascination with this setting, Banerjee says, "Bengaluru was the first place I lived in an apartment complex. And when I moved here, I felt that behind each window, there were certain stories happening. How we see people outside of their apartments could be different from what they are inside the apartments." Reflecting the city's multilingual character, the series features a mix of Kannada, Hindi, and English.

The series was partially crowdfunded and shot in a friend's apartment with a 15-member crew, many of whom were Banerjee's former students. She hadn't anticipated the attention the series would garner, with screenings at several international film festivals, including the Montreal International Film Festival 2020, the Toronto Film Channel 2020, and Lift-Off Global Network – Paris 2020. "My mom was the first to see it. She had spent time in Paris in her younger years and suggested we submit it to festivals there. I hadn't even thought of that. But the responses were encouraging. I suppose what I've learned is that if your work carries a universal truth about emotions, people will connect with it."

Now released on OTT, Banerjee hopes *Love at Fifth Floor* will reach a wider audience. "What scares me most about putting my work out there is the fear it will go unnoticed. I hope people pause, connect with it, and feel something. I want to create a sense of familiarity – the sense that this is the world around us – but with elements of surprise. Familiarity, surprise, pause, empathy – these are the emotions I hope people feel for my characters and my story," she says.

Aditi Banerjee

A still from the series

GOURMET GLAM

Bollywood actor Karisma Kapoor explores the offerings at a newly-inagurated artisan pantry store on MG Road over the weekend | ALLEN EGENUS E J

Handmade crafts are seeing a unique resurgence with Millenials and Gen Z, who are building vibrant online and offline communities around crochet, knitting and tufting

THREADING Connections

POOJA DAS

A meditative state can manifest in various ways. For some, it's found within literary worlds and characters. For others, it's in the harmony of musical notes or the rhythmic flow of dance. For Lakshitha NM, a digital marketing professional, it lies in the quiet, repetitive motion of crocheting – a skill she picked up nearly a decade ago. Little did she know that it would lead her to build an entirely new community.

A session of Cubbon Knits

Rahul Jadhav

Participants at a tufting workshop

An enthusiast showcases her work

Shruthi

"During COVID, I started visiting Cubbon Park to unwind. One day, I brought my crochet project along and met someone who was knitting. Honestly, we both thought no one else was doing this 'granny's hobby' anymore!" she laughs. This chance meeting eventually inspired the creation of Cubbon Knits. "We've been meeting every Saturday for about a year. As people saw us, others joined in. It became a space for knitting, crocheting, or practising any kind of fabric art," she explains. Lakshitha believes social media has played a key role in breaking stereotypes around such hobbies. "It has helped people rediscover these crafts. Previously, people quietly pursued them at home, thinking they were just for older generations. Now, with communities like ours, people realise they're not alone," she adds.

Rahul Jadhav, founder of another Bengaluru arts and crafts community, Crafty, observes a growing interest in hobbies like crochet. "When you're doing it alone, some people might give up after a few tries. Communities make it easier to stay motivated," says Jadhav, who is organising a workshop at the Museum of Art and Photography, Kasturba Road this weekend. "All the slots filled up within an hour or two. So, the interest is definitely there."

Online communities around the craft are thriving too. Deepika Miriam, who runs an online business, was surprised by the positive response she received after setting up a small stall in her society after moving to Bengaluru. "Many people asked me if I taught crochet, so I decided to start a class and see how it went. I created materials like videos and PDFs to guide students and taught my first batch last year," says Miriam, who now has a community of around 180 students, both offline and online. "I've seen interest from people across age groups. Many are between ages 26 and 45, but I've also had older women in their 60s join. Pregnant women often take it up as a stress-relief hobby. One student told me that crocheting helped her reduce anxiety after childbirth."

A crochet bouquet

Shruthi, a 32-year-old crochet entrepreneur, picked up the hobby when she was pregnant with her first child. "The first thing I made was a little dress for my baby, and it gave me the confidence to explore further. Eventually, I discovered amigurumi – the art of crocheting small dolls – and became deeply interested in it," says Shruthi, who now fulfils 15 to 20 orders a month. Demand for handmade crochet toys, keychains, and flower bouquets is growing, with unique customisations being a major draw. "Men often order crochet flowers with personal messages for their significant others," says Miriam, who has also started dyeing her own crochet yarns to meet increasing demand.

Beyond knitting and crochet, tufting – the art of creating rugs and carpets using a tufting gun – is also gaining traction. Bhavanjali BM, founder of TuftingStudio.BLR, runs one of the first workshops in Bengaluru for participants aged eight and above. "Most participants are in the 20 to 35 age range, and they love it. It's not a monotonous activity – it's interactive and exciting. Even men find it engaging because using the tufting gun feels fun and dynamic," says the 27-year-old. Workshops, priced between ₹3,500 and ₹5,000, allow participants to create small rugs with tufting guns and wool.

A common thread running through all these crafts is their meditative quality. Shruthi highlights, "People are looking for activities that help them slow down and reduce screen time. Crochet is excellent for stress relief and anxiety because it keeps you focused. You're counting stitches and fully immersed in the process, which makes it very calming. It's even beneficial for people with mild ADHD as it improves concentration and keeps the mind engaged."

CITY READ

Street food festival in the city till December 30

Ironhill, Marathahalli is hosting a vibrant celebration of Indian street food with a festival until December 30. The event promises a culinary journey through India's iconic flavours, offering dishes like spicy mirchi chaat, Maharashtrian pav bhaji, mutton kheema, and fiery bheja fry with ladi pav. The festival features live food counters, along with an option to pair your meals with craft beers or cocktails, all designed to elevate the street food experience. For reservations or inquiries, contact 96060 44623.

Antique furniture exhibition showcases wicker cane craft

Antique Home Decor, a furniture store in Whitefield, is hosting an exclusive exhibition and sale till November 30, to revive and promote the forgotten art of wicker cane weaving. The event showcases handcrafted pieces made from premium teak and rosewood, including sofa sets, coffee tables, cabinets, and multifunctional desks – all designed to evoke a vintage charm. The exhibition also features unique pieces with intricate inlays of mother-of-pearl and brass, offering a rare treat for home decor enthusiasts. Shoppers can also enjoy discounts of up to 20 per cent on select items during the event. For more details, contact 98460 85350.

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GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

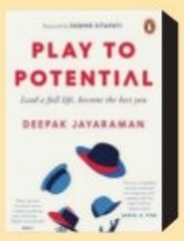
Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The winner will receive a voucher worth ₹1,500 from Smoor Chocolates (dine-in only) **

THE RIGHT ANSWERS	1) Shiitake; 2) Collard; 3) Artichoke
FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT	1) Sriya Chakravarti 2) Mouna K 3) Ramkumar M

BOOK NOOK

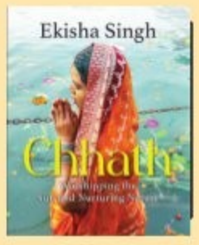
Bazaar Bites
By Priya Bala and Jayanth Narayanan

It takes you on a journey through India's most vibrant street-food hubs and through their delicious and diverse offerings.



Play to Potential podcast
By Deepak Jayaraman

This insightful guide challenges traditional ideas of success and self-improvement, encouraging readers to embrace life's transitions with curiosity, exploration, and play—not just work.



Chhath: Worshipping the Sun and Nurturing Nature
By Ekisha Singh

This book delves into the heart of Chhath Puja, where devotion to the Sun God intertwines with a deep reverence for nature's elements.

Reservation Policy in India: State, Social Justice, and Affirmative Action
by Narender Kumar and Sudhir Kumar Suthar

This book provides an overview of the reservation policy developed by the government and its underlying philosophy, and traces its history from colonial India to the present day.

FLAVOUR GALORE

A pair of students savour innovative drinks at a food festival organised by the Department of Hotel Management, T John College, Bannerghatta Rd | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

CUCUMBER PACCHADI

INGREDIENTS

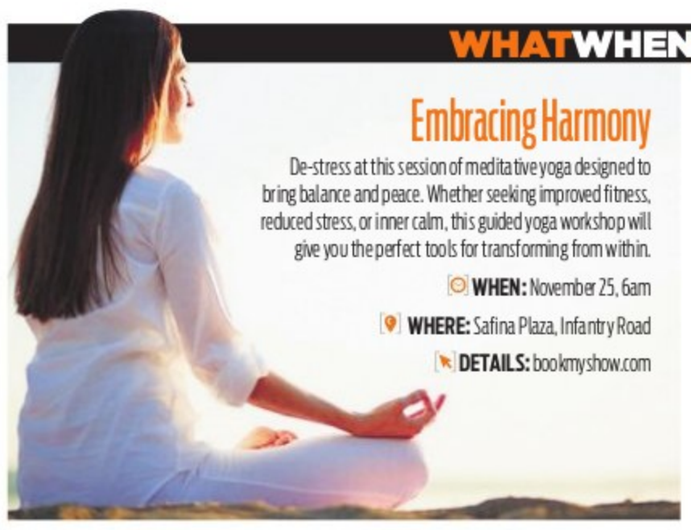
- **Cucumber:** 1/2
- **Curd:** 1/2 cup
- **Grated coconut:** 1/4 cup
- **Green chilli:** 1
- **Mustard seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Red chilli:** 1
- **Coconut oil:** 1 tbsp
- **Curry leaves:** a sprig

METHOD

- Grate the cucumber in a bowl.
- Mix curd and the grated coconut, grind them.
- Add green chilli into the mix and grind them again.
- Add this mix to a bowl of grated cucumber. Add salt according to your taste and mix them well.
- Keep the bowl aside.
- For tempering, heat oil, add mustard seeds, curry leaves and red chilli.
- When the spices crackle, pour it on top of the mix. Serve it.

Contributed by **Bindu Ramesan**, Kannur

WHATWHENWHYWHERE



Embracing Harmony

De-stress at this session of meditative yoga designed to bring balance and peace. Whether seeking improved fitness, reduced stress, or inner calm, this guided yoga workshop will give you the perfect tools for transforming from within.

WHEN: November 25, 6am
WHERE: Safina Plaza, Infantry Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Age-old Craft

Learn an ancient Japanese textile art form, Shibori, which embodies both craftsmanship and creative expression. Appreciate the art of slowing down and finding beauty and inspiration in all things that surround us.

WHEN: November 30, 12pm
WHERE: The Brown Table, Sadashivnagar
DETAILS: troveexperiences.com

Wine Tasting

Discover the art of winemaking with a vineyard tour and a guided explanation of the process, followed by a tasting of six premium wines. Experience the charm of a serene winery and its handcrafted offerings.

WHEN: November 25, 4pm
WHERE: Big Banyan Vineyard, Tavarekere
DETAILS: bigbanyanresort.in

Tunes of Tradition

Immerse in Dhrupad Dhvani, a two-day festival showcasing the ancient classical art form. Performances by Padma Shri Pt Dr Ritwik Sanyal and **Pelva Naik** promise a meditative journey into India's musical heritage.

WHEN: November 29-30, 6pm
WHERE: MLR Convention Centre, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Theatre Time

Experience Bertolt Brecht's *Life of Galileo*, a gripping tale of science versus authority. The play unravels Galileo's bold discoveries, his clash with the Church, and the ethical dilemmas of standing by revolutionary ideas.

WHEN: November 30, 7pm **WHERE:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Weaving with Words

Attend a special poetry reading event at Urban Solace marking its 15th anniversary, featuring five exceptional poets. Relish in this space of creativity as you share and thrive with other poets.

WHEN: November 26, 7.30pm
WHERE: Urban Solace, Halasuru
CALL: 9845013055

MUSICAL EVENING

Enjoy an unforgettable evening with **Papon**, the acclaimed artiste blending folk, classical, and contemporary music. Known for hits like *Moh Moh Ke Dhaage*, his live performance promises soulful melodies and boundless energy.
WHEN: November 30, 7pm **WHERE:** Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

DR VIVEK ARORA

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi

I have recently adopted a three-year-old cat, how do I manage the spread of litter? I have a litter box with a lid and a litter-catching mat underneath it, but somehow the litter still ends up in all corners of the room.

Managing litter spread can be tricky! Consider using a larger litter-catching mat that extends beyond the box, and make sure it has a textured surface to trap more litter. You might also try a high-sided litter box or one with a cover that has a lower entry point. Regular sweeping or vacuuming the area can help keep things tidy. Additionally, experimenting with different types of litter — some are less prone to tracking — can make a difference. Finally, placing a second mat near the exit can catch any litter as your cat leaves.

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FITBIT

PARIVRTTA ARDHA KAPOTASANA VARIATION II (REVOLVED HALF PIGEON POSE VARIATION II)

This is a variation of the foundational pose, Half Pigeon Pose. It is a detoxifying, deep twisting practice. This challenging pose must be practised after mastering the Half Pigeon Pose Variation I. It brings a nice stretch in the gluteus, hamstrings, and pelvic area. This is a wonderful practice that targets the psoas muscles, inviting a combination of releasing and stabilising. Twisting can significantly relieve tension or tightness in the hips, shoulders, neck, chest, and spine, while developing overall strength and balance in the body.

STEPS

- Begin in Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Inhale, lift the right leg. Exhale, bend the leg, bring it towards the front. Place the knee in line with the left wrist, foot, and right hand. Rotate the right hip externally.
- Lower the hips and left leg, keep in line towards the bottom edge of your mat.
- Ensure the left leg is straight at the back, and right shin is parallel to the front edge of the mat.
- Stay in Half Pigeon Pose Variation I for 2-3 breaths.
- Twist, inhale and grab the right knee with left hand. Forearm is parallel to the right shin. Move your right hand on the side of the right thigh on the fingertips.
- Exhale, twist the torso to the right aligning the chin with the chest. Stay here for 6 breaths. With every exhale, twise the spine as much as possible from your upper body.
- Release. Return to Ardha Kapotasana Variation 1, then to Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Counter the twist on the other side (left), following above instructions.
- Release and relax in Child Pose or follow few rounds on Seated Windshield Wiper Pose.

BENEFITS

- Stretches gluteus and the tensor fasciae latae insert into the iliotibial band (IT-band), shoulders, arms, chest, and neck.
- Strengthens the upper and middle back, biceps and triceps.
- Stretches and lengthens the spine. Improves flexibility of the spine and tones the spinal and legs muscles for intense poses.
- Expands the chest laterally, ensuring deeper breaths.
- Engages the torso.
- Alleviates neck and back pain.
- Flushes out the unwanted energy (prana) from the body.
- Boosts the overall energy level.
- Releases tight and stiff muscles.
- Nourishes organs such as pancreas, kidney, stomach, small intestine, liver, and gallbladder. Rejuvenates the tissues.
- Helps teens, postnatal mothers, and seniors be active.
- Reduces excess belly and side fat.
- Stimulates the internal organs.
- Prepares the body for advanced twisting, forward bending, and arm balancing.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with injury to the hips, lower back, knees, ankles, hamstrings, spine, chest, rib cage, neck, arms, and shoulders, or have undergone recent abdominal, hip, or shoulder surgery, or hip replacement surgery, have chronic lower back or knee pain, knee ligament tear or ankle, knee-arthritis, a weak bone density, sciatica, dizziness, vertigo, or nausea, severe HBP, heart ailments, neck spondylitis, recovering from diastasis recti, headaches, or tensions, aches, and pregnant women, avoid this pose.
- Seniors can use a folded blanket or towel below the hip of the bent leg.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

ARTCORNER

EMOTIONS ON THE HANGER

Nandini Chirimar documents memory and loss. Her representation of maps, vegetation, architecture, letters, photographs and different kinds of curios, provides an alternative view of still life

OLD AND NEW VIBES

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

NAMMA ooru doesn't give you small-town vibes anymore. Oh sure! The traffic situation and the infrastructure suck, but my ooru always manages to raise her pretty head and remain the centre of attraction. If you don't believe me, try visiting the other metros. In 'Dehhhlee' one can't breathe because of the rotten air quality, in Kolkata the people, traffic and heat engulf you, Mumbai is an ultimate city and one doesn't mind the constant trickle of sweat on one's neck because that city works, while Chennai, is hot and aloof. Bangalore is welcoming, and friendly (barring a few auto-wallas) and the climate... is heavenly despite the 'men-in-white' who cannot give a hoot. Tell me where else do we find such a large contingent of non-locals (white, brown and polka-dotted), who have made our city their home? In fact, it's quite difficult to get rid of them!

Meanwhile, I turned my 'Bangalore-bred' nose upwards and carried on regardless! As I grow older and hopefully wiser, I learned that I don't have to go above and beyond for others. I definitely don't have to always be the bigger person and for sure don't have to show up for those who don't show up for me!

Riyaaz Amlani, founder of Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality, and serial restaurateur, launched a new menu at The Drawing Room By Smoke House Deli, where the food and cocktails have always been outstanding. I was curious to find out how he could improve the victuals when it was already top-notch. I was pleasantly surprised to see how they have added new dishes and cocktails and are still serving up the old favourites. With a band playing, great food and cocktails and some guests even giving each other a twirl on the dance floor, the vibe was that of 'Bangalore of yore'!

A lot of big and fancy names of restaurants and chefs have been periodically popping up in Namma ooru. This time all eyes were on JW Marriott which is in my neck of the woods. Vaibhav Bahl, the young co-founder of the 'make friends over food' platform called Conosh, brought down Chef Hyungkyu Jun, who helmed the 7-course luxurious meal from Osteria, the Gucci restaurant from Seoul, South Korea. I looked around the plush environs of the JW Marriott and it soon dawned on me that the evening was sold-out. Young people... dressed in their prettiest best were nonchalantly eating an astronomical-priced meal! Namma-ooru has come of age. Everyone was young, happening and relevant, from the young chef to the co-founder of Conosh, Vaibhav to his uber-efficient team. A good friend once commented: "They may be the millennials, but we are the perennials!"

Old is gold especially when one is dealing with hospitality and viands. The erstwhile Olive-Beach turned 19 in a blink of an eye. Owner/Restaurateur, the charismatic AD Singh threw a 'come-in-all-white' brunch at the restaurant with his signature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and finger foods. The air was festive, (AD sure knows how to throw a party), and a band played while the bar-tenders whipped up cocktails at the speed of light. The service was spot-on and all of us, the old regulars met up and made merry in the sun-speckled afternoon. I left early (compared to the others) but I believe the 'brunch' continued till 'drunch'!

Viva Bangalore! Your small-town mask has fallen off...

(The writer's views are personal)

With its modern tech & comfort features at competitive pricing, the BYD eMAX 7 is an impressive package

A FRIENDLY DRAGON

XPRESS HIGHWAY
FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

A global biggie in the electric vehicle industry, BYD crossed a production milestone of 90 lakh new energy vehicles – electric and hybrid – last month. And, according to industry sources, it is set to hit a crore this month.

The brand has made a mark in India as well, selling electric passenger cars, battery energy storage, and electric buses. Its subsidiary, BYD India, has done well so far despite the 'Chinese' tag.

The BYD e6 – a 5-seater MPV – was well-received for its spacious cabin, battery capacity, and long range. Now, BYD has introduced the BYD eMAX 7 – a 6- or 7-seater MPV. This model is a direct competitor to petrol-diesel MPVs such as the Toyota Innova.

I took out this EV in Tamil Nadu, for a drive along the Chennai-Mahabalipuram route. Here's my take:

Design and space

The eMAX 7 features a sleek, free-flowing body style with aerodynamic lines. Its large, MPV stance is evident from every angle. Measuring 4.71m long, 1.69m tall, and 1.81m wide, the vehicle has an imposing presence.

The front fascia, which BYD calls "dragon-face", features LED headlamps connected by a chrome strip, which gives it a smiling appearance. Well, this dragon looks friendly. The alloy wheel design and tail lamp are also eye-catching.

Inside, the two-tone black-and-brown interior lends a sense of luxury and space. The longer, wider cushion provides a comfortable driving experience, and the front seats are ventilated. The dashboard features a 12.8-inch rotatable infotainment display, a 5-inch instrument cluster, a wireless phone charger, and an elegant gear lever. The expansive 1.42 sqm panoramic glass roof adds to the spacious feel.

The second row is available in two- or three-seat configurations, while the third row can seat two passengers. With a 2.8m wheelbase, the eMAX 7 boasts impressive cabin space. Boot space is 180 litres, expandable to 580 litres by folding the third row. The middle seats can also be split 60:40 to increase storage space.

Most vehicle functions, including climate control, are accessed via the 12.8-inch touchscreen, which can be somewhat distracting while driving. Overall, cabin comfort is good. However, with the battery pack under the floor, the second and third rows have a somewhat 'knees-up' seating position.

Powertrain

The eMAX 7 is available in two variants. I tested the top-spec 'Superior' variant, which features a 204bhp e-motor mounted at the front axle and a 71.8kWh battery pack, offering a claimed range of 530 km.

The MPV accelerates smoothly, reaching 100 km/h from a standstill in 8.6 seconds, with linear power delivery that's ideal for city driving and overtaking. The 310Nm of torque is instantly available, with none of the lag seen in petrol-diesel vehicles of similar size.

The 'Premium' variant has a 55.4 kWh battery pack and a range of 420km. Both variants are available in 6- and 7-seat configurations.

Comfort

The BYD eMAX 7 is well-suited as an electric family car. It performs smoothly on highways, handles potholes well, and is easily manoeuvrable in crowded city areas. The suspension setup supports long journeys, and features such as AC vents in all rows, cushioned seats, roominess, and large windows enhance the travel experience.

Verdict

With a real-world range of close to 500km, the eMAX 7 is well-suited for long trips. This capable vehicle, with its modern technology and comfort features at a competitive price point, is likely to appeal to both fleet operators and individual buyers.

PRICING

Variant: **Premium**
Battery capacity: **55.4kWh**
Seating options: **6 and 7 seaters**
Price: **₹26,90,000** (6 seater); **₹27,50,000** (7 seater)
Variant: **Superior**
Battery capacity: **71.8 kWh**
Seating option: **6 and 7 seaters**
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I, SINCHANA (OLD NAME) D/o SHANKARANARAYANA HEGDE aged About 22 years residing at NO.969,2nd F CROSS, 3 TD STAGE,3 RD BLOCK, BASAWESHWAR NAGAR NEAR FLORENCE SCHOOL BANGALORE-560079. I Have Changed My Name **SINCHANA SHANKARANARAYANA HEGDE**, Affidavit Dated 23/11/2024 Sworn before notary Deepa M, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**MR.Abhishek Prashant Kumar** S/o MR.Prashant Kumar, R/a No. 107,1st Floor, Bharatiya city Nikoo Homes2, Devin Paradise Enclave, Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru-560064.I Here by declare that **ABHISHEK PRASHANT KUMAR & ABHISHEK**, are not different personalities but one and the same, The said names belong to me and that for my documentation purpose.my name should be read as Vide Affidavit Date:22-11-2024.Sworn Before Notary: M Krishnamurthy.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KARUNA .N,** D/o Narasimha Murthy H.L, age 23 years, R/at No. 289, 11th Cross, 3rd Main, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Kirloskar Layout, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 073 do hereby declare that my correct name is **KARUNA .N D/o NARASIMHA MURTHY .H.L**, but in my passport my father name is wrongly mentioned as **NARASIHA MURTHY** instead of **NARASIMHA MURTHY .H.L**, vide affidavit dated 23rd Nov. 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Kamala Santhoshi R**, R/at No.48, Kamadenu Kutira Apts, Bhoopsandra Main Road, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-94., state that my name is mentioned as **Kamala Santhoshi R** in all documents & **Kamala Santoshi R** in my Passport. I duly swear that both the said names are pertaining to the one and the same person. vide affidavit dated 15.11.2024 sworn before advocate and notary V Anjanappa, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Chirag Lodha** (Old Name), S/o. Kaushal Mal Lodha, aged about 7 years, R/at No. 917, 1st Floor, 4th Main Road, 4th Stage, BEML Layout, RR Nagar, Bangalore- 560 098, have changed my name as **CHAYAN MAL LODHA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 07.11.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SNEHA SRINIVASA** D/O SRINIVASA G, aged about 31 years, residing at # 21, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Sector A, Near Amruthahalli Police Station, Amruthanagar, Bangalore-560092, I declare that below mentioned names **S SNEHA** and **SRINIVASA SNEHA** above names are one and only one person that is myself, I declare that I am changing my name to **SNEHA SRINIVASA** for all purposes., vide affidavit dated 21/11/2024 sworn to before S.R.Ravikumar advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I. **ALPA CHOWDARY**, W/o Mahesh Kumar Chowdari and aged 43 years, residing at No. 84, Kanchan Nivas, 7th Cross, 50 feet Road, Hanumanthnagar, Post office Banashankari, Bengaluru-560 050, have changed my name from **ALPA KUMARI BALAR** to **ALPA CHOWDARY,** vide affidavit dated 21/11/2024 sworn to before R.Basavaraja advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PREETI SRINIVAS** D/o **Mariappa Srinivasa,** R/at No.320/A, 10th A Cross, Ideal Home Society, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore- 560098 have changed my name to **PREETI SRINIVASA** vide affidavit dated: 11/11/2024 Before Notary **Vanajakshi.R** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I (OLD NAME) SOUMYA N Residing at Handenahalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobali, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural -District-560067, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SOUMYA N to (NEW NAME) SHOBHA N.,** vide affidavit dated 21.11.2024 sworn before notary M.Krishnamurthy., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
Khadem Ul Islam S/o Khoda Box Mondal R/o Plot No 61, GF-07, Snehaa Sukhwas Apartment, AMC Road, MM Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru, Bangalore North, Karnataka – 560032 Do Hereby Declare that I Have Changed My Son Name from **ISHAN to ISHAN RAHAMAN.** Hence Forth My Son Shall be Know And Called ISHAN RAHAMAN Only. Vide Affidavit Dated 22.11.2024 Before Notary Sivakumara. M.N Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIKSHA JAIN** D/o. Suresh Kumar, residing at No. 10/1, Surveyor Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, have changed my name to **DIKSHA S JAIN**, vide affidavit dated 23.11.2024, sworn before notary Mohammed Hussain K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Kavithamma Sangaram** (Old Name), W/o. Ashok Shastry aged about 51 years, R/at No. 255, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, GRT Jewelers BEML Layout 3rd Stage, RR Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 098, have changed my name as **KAVITHA SANAGARAM** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 08.10.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Miss. Srishti Tyagi**, D/o Viswanath Kumar, Aged about 25 years, R/at W-101, Satyagreen Apartments, Near Thindlu Circle, Vidyaranyapuram Post, Bengaluru - 560 097. I declare that I filed original suit for Declaration bearing O.S.No.6364/2024 before VIII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (CCH No. 15) and the said suit came to be Decreed on 8/11/2024, . It is further ordered and decreed that the defendants are directed to change the name of the plaintiff as '**Srishti Tyagi**' in the place of '**Srishti**' in her degree marks card and convocation degree certificate bearing registration No.18X4S85030.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A PACHAIAMMAL** W/o Arivuchelvan M, R/o A-207, J S Harmony Apts, 3rd Main Road, Hoysala Nagar, Bangalore-560016, have changed my name to **A PATCHAIAMMAL** vide affidavit dated: 22.11.2024 before advocate and Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Mrs. Asha.G**, W/o Sheshaprasad Hassan Subramanya, aged about 38 years, and **Mr. Sheshaprasad Hassan Subramanya**, S/o Subramanya H Y, aged about 42 years, R/at D-902, Aryan opulence, Uttarahalli Main Road, R.R. Nagar, BBMP Bangalore-560 060. Hereby declare that, we have changed our minor Son's name (Date of Birth 25.06.2024) from **'SAI PRATEEK. S'** to **"SAI SHAMITH"**, vide Affidavit dated 23.11.2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary R.S. VIJAY, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Rakhi Gosh D/o of Mr. Ram Heyt, Residing at Flat AB-3, 3rd Floor, 2nd Block, The Meridian Apartment, 1st-A Cross, SR Layout Windtunnel Road, Murgeshpalya Bengaluru- 560017 Have changed my name from RAKHI KORI to RAKHI GOSH vide affidavit dated 22.11.2024 sworn before Notary Sumithra.N.

NAME CORRECTION
I, **MANISH S REDDY,** S/o Satish Kumar M, residing at No. 56, Reliable Lavendula Layout, Huskur Gate, Electronics City Post, Bengaluru – 560100.In my Class X Statement of Marks and Pass Certificate issued by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi, my father's name spelling has been recorded as **SATHISH KUMAR M** but father's correct name is **SATISH KUMAR M**. Sworn vide affidavit dated 21-11-24 before Notary Sivakumara M N, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Megha Srikanth,** wife of Bharath B, residing at 103, Baldota Luxuria Apartments, 6th Cross Revenue Layout, near NU Hospital, Padmanabhanagar, VTC Bangalore Post office, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore – 560 070, have changed my name to **"MEYGHA SRIKANTH"** vide affidavit dated **25th October 2024** and Sworn before the Notary Public–**Mr. H.G.Padmanabha Rao** on 7th November 2024. On and from 07.11.2024, I will be referred to and known as **"Meygha Srikanth".**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME), SYED SHAIKR PASHA, S/o SYED ISHAQ, Age About Major, Residing at No: 126, 13th Cross, Anwar Layout Kadugondanahalli, Bangalore -560045. have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) SYED SHAIKR PASHA** to **(NEW NAME) SYED SHAKIR PASHA** Vide affidavit dated 23.11.2024 sworn before Notary Sharada, B.sc, LLB.", Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NIRMALA BHARATHI, W/o. Rajadas, residing at 4th Floor, House No. 8, 5th C Main, Near Govt School, Kalkere, Punyabhumi Layout, Kalkere, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name to NIRMALA RAJADAS** vide affidavit dated: 21.11.2024 before advocate and Notary B. Seshagiri, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Shashidhara H S, resident of No. 1, 1st cross, 1st Main, Yelahanka New town, Mathru Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name to SHASHIDHAR H S** vide affidavit dated: 22.11.2024 before advocate and Notary K.V. Nanjaiah, Bengaluru

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AARAM ARAVINDA SWAMY

Director: Abhishek Shetty

Cast: Aniissh, Milana Nagaraj, Hrithika Srinivas, Gowrav Shetty,and Vikky

A SHARADHAA

'I HAVE seen it all, I have seen the storm, I don't fear the tides...' These first few lines from a poem introduced in the second half of the film echo the internal mantra of Aravinda (Aniissh), a recovery agent, a character often seen as carefree and jolly, nicknamed *Aaram Aravinda Swamy*. On the surface, he embodies the happy-go-lucky persona, someone who seems to have life figured out with a smile, but hides a labyrinth of emotional and financial struggles. To his girlfriend Geetha (Milana Nagaraj), his friends (Gowrav Shetty who often finds himself in hot water for casually asking women out, while Vikky grapples with a compulsive need to steal trivial items), and the world at large, Aravinda is an epitome of ease. But as the story unfolds, we realise that this is just a carefully constructed facade.

Aravinda's contradictions run deep. He intentionally isolates himself by switching from a smartphone to a basic phone, yet his home life tells a different story—humble, middle-class, with no extravagances. His pride and sense of dignity shine through; he never accepts charity and is quick to pay his own way, even in the most basic situations.

However, a central conflict in Aravinda's arises when he gets pressure from his family to get married, particularly to Lakshmi (Hrithika Srinivas), whom his father has chosen for him. This girl, however, is not someone Aravinda is interested in—she is physically challenged and has a hearing impairment. But his father has promised his employer (Achyuth Kumar) that Aravinda will marry his daughter, and the weight of this promise pushes Aravinda into a difficult situation. There is a saying in Kannada: Saavira sullu heli ondu madhuve maadu, which means "Fix a marriage by telling a thousand lies." But here, one pill does the magic, and a dramatic twist takes place. This surprising turn of events challenges Aravinda's earlier assumptions about life, responsibility, and relationships. The film leaves us wondering if Aravinda's heart lies with Geetha or Lakshmi.

Directed by Abhishek Shetty, *Aaram Aravinda Swamy* explores themes of identity and the human condition. Abhishek does well in creating a character who is both unique and relatable. The film blends comedy, love, and family drama, allowing actor Aniissh to show a new side of himself. His attempt at rebranding himself through this role works to an extent, especially in the comedy-drama genre, but the emotional depth of the second half feels uneven and could have used more punchlines. Aniissh navigates the role with ease, but it's clear that his character is more serious than comedic, and it's the circumstances around him that evoke humor.

Milana Nagaraj, as Geetha, always brings her best and delivers whatever the role requires, while Hrithika Srinivas plays Lakshmi with sincerity, following the director's vision. Supporting performances from Achyuth Kumar, Gowrav Shetty, and RJ Vikky add flavor, with music by Arjun Janya, particularly the title track, serving as a highlight.

Let me complete the poem, which is actually recited by the double-degree holder whom Aravinda encounters back in his hometown, a man who struggles to complete the lines but finally finishes with determination: 'Because I can face it all, I don't need to hide, I'm going to go into life, I know how to strive, I have seen the storm.' These lines capture the essence of Aravinda's journey—a life marked by internal storms and external challenges, yet defined by his resilience and unruffled composure.

RATING 3/5

In the end, Aravinda's struggle is not just with external forces but with himself, his past, and the weight of others' expectations. The film leaves us questioning whether we can truly know someone or if we all live with hidden storms inside us. Aravinda's storm may never fully subside, but it's his ability to face life's challenges with quiet dignity that propels the story forward. He may not have all the answers, but his journey reminds us that perhaps, in the end, that's all we can really hope for—finding our own way through life's complexities. At the end of the day, that's all we can really hope for. And the pill, in the end, becomes the catalyst for Aravinda's unexpected marriage—one lie that changes everything.

KVN Productions bags Karnataka distribution rights of Upendra's *UI*

A still from the film

CE FEATURES

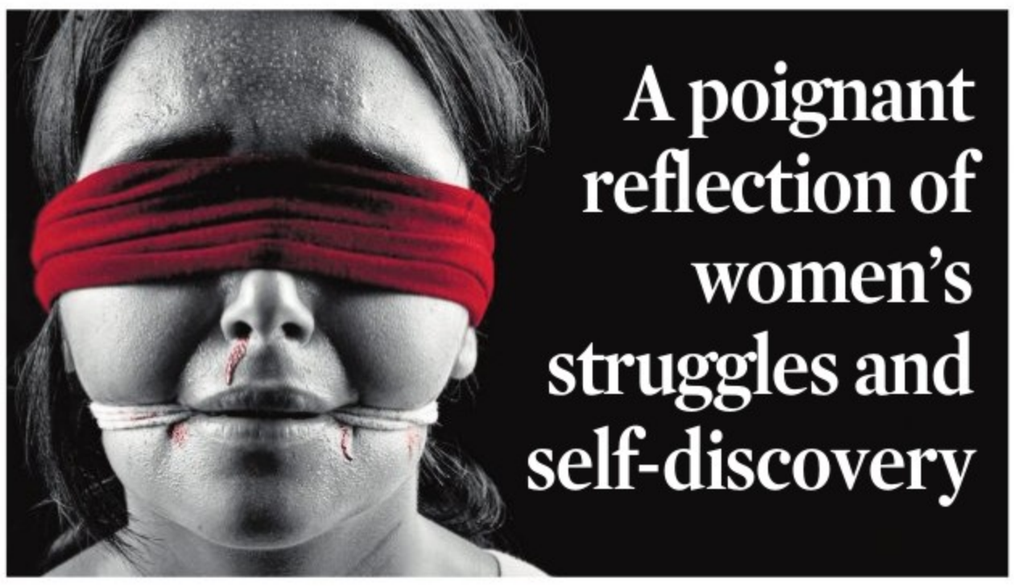
UI, starring Upendra, is all set to hit theatres on December 20, and the makers are finalising the distribution process, with the film set to release in multiple languages in the coming month. Venkat K Narayana's KVN Productions—the producer of projects like *KD, Toxic* (starring Yash), and Vijay's *Thalapathy 69*—will be handling the distribution of *UI* in Karnataka. The distributor who has collaborated with the *UI* team is working on releasing the film in as many theatres as possible, and the work is in progress.

In addition to KVN's involvement in Karnataka, Geetha Films will distribute *UI* in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, while AP International has acquired the rights for the Kerala release. Dr Roy CJ will present the film in Malayalam.

UI is particularly exciting as it marks the return of Real Star Upendra to direction after a long hiatus following *Uppi* (2015). Upendra is not only the director of the film but also stars in the lead role. The film is produced by G Manohar Naidu of Lahari Films and KP Sreekanth of Venus Entertainers, with a musical score by Ajaneesh Loknath. With Upendra, *UI*—which reportedly uses cutting-edge technology in its production—has created significant curiosity. The film stars Reeshma Nanaiah as the female lead, with Ravi Shankar and Sadhu Kokila in supporting roles, adding to the anticipation for this major release.

Venkat K Narayana

A poignant reflection of women's struggles and self-discovery



A SHARADHAA

WITH *Anshu*, director Channakeshava hits the mark in a way few filmmakers do. It's not just about the story; it's about the film's making and treatment, particularly how it takes us into the mind of the protagonist, Dhriti. While she is the sole and central focus, the other characters, who appear and disappear, are felt through their voices and shadows. The film is less about personal struggle and more about the emotional and mental journey of a woman facing huge challenges, finding the strength to rise above them.

Dhriti (Nisha Ravikrishnan), a former professor battling anxiety after a miscarriage, is haunted by grief and the emotional void left by her controlling and unsympathetic husband, Ravi. Her psychological struggles, marked by loneliness and isolation, are well depicted. Even though she can get support, she doesn't seek help from friends or family, adding to the suffocating silence in her life.

Dhriti's life takes a turn when she gets an unexpected phone call from a former student named *Anshu* that alters the course of the story. Despite her relationship with an oppressive man, Dhriti yearns for independence and normalcy—a struggle many women can relate to.

The film's strength lies in its balance between personal trauma and broader themes of female empowerment. During a six-hour journey in an electric car, Dhriti and *Anshu*'s voices explain how both, grappling with dark pasts, build a bond through shared sorrow, offering each other healing and strength. Their heartfelt conversations explore not only personal pain but also the connection between women in times of crisis. However, the interaction between Dhriti and *Anshu* takes an unexpected twist. What seemed like a kidnapping turns out to be a darker, more complex truth about relationships, manipulation, and betrayal, shedding light on toxic relationships.

ANSHU

Director: MC Channakeshava

Cast: Nisha Ravikrishnan

RATING 3/5

At its heart, *Anshu* tells the story of a woman rising from pain to rediscover her purpose. Dhriti's journey toward self-discovery is fraught with obstacles, but her emotional resilience makes her unforgettable. Her journey isn't just about saving others; it's about finding herself amidst the chaos.

The suspense builds when Dhriti learns a mysterious secret about *Anshu*, a revelation that deepens the mystery. Dhriti's frantic search for answers leads her down a path of redemption, forcing her to confront not only the past but also the consequences of her choices. The stakes intensify as she faces her father's health crisis and uncovers shocking truths about *Anshu*'s life. These revelations ultimately provide her with insight into her mother's intentions and her own daughter's future. The emotional tension keeps viewers eager to see whether Dhriti will uncover the truth about *Anshu*, find answers for herself, and determine how she will move forward.

Much of the film unfolds during Dhriti's journey in her electric car, with the contemporary setting reflecting the social pressures women face, including harassment by men. However, Dhriti handles these challenges with strength and determination, continuing her mission to help someone in trouble. Her constant phone calls during her journey serve as a distraction, yet they also symbolise the ongoing chaos in her life.

The film's final moments leave the audience questioning the line between reality and delusion. They highlight Dhriti's growth, from a woman overwhelmed by her circumstances to one who understands and embraces her own strength. The resolution, though bittersweet, offers closure, empowerment, and hope.

Anshu is an emotionally charged drama that blends suspense and depth, making it a one-time watch for those who seek stories of courage, redemption, and the unbreakable strength of women.

An incident from my close friend's life inspired *Megha* story : Charan

CE FEATURES

MEGHA, starring Kiran Raj in the lead role, is set to release this Friday, November 29. Directed by Charan and produced by Yatheesh HR under the banner of Krishi Productions, the film's trailer was recently launched by Trivikram Saphalya, who wished the team immense success. In a heartfelt speech following the trailer release, producer Yatheesh HR shared, "This is our very first production under Krishi Productions, and it means so much to us. *Megha* isn't just another film; it's a story that has the potential to bring about positive change in the lives of our viewers. People who have never known love may begin to experience it. Those who have drifted apart from friends may find the courage to reconnect. This film beautifully weaves together the themes of friendship, love, and relationships, and we are thrilled to bring it to audiences across the state this Friday."

Megha is billed as a family entertainer with a unique love story, which promises to captivate hearts. According to the makers, what sets it apart is the intriguing fact that both lead characters share the same name—*Megha*. Director Charan reveals, "The reason behind their shared name is something you'll only discover once you watch the film. The inspiration for the story came from a real-life incident in a close friend's life."

Team Megha

A still from the film

Kiran Raj, who plays the male lead, recalls, "I heard the story eight times before I agreed to be part of the film. The experience of love, its depth and significance, is far more important than the initial excitement it brings. If there is a strong bond between parents and children, it can prevent countless calamities. These are themes that *Megha* beautifully explores, and I believe the audience will connect with them."

Kajal Kunder, who portrays the female lead, shared her excitement, saying, "I play the role of a college girl named *Megha*. It's a unique and special character, and I can't wait for everyone to see how our story unfolds on screen."

The film, distributed by Manoj Kumar through Ravi Films also stars Rajesh Nataranga as the father, alongside Shobaraj, Sangeetha, Sundar Veena, Hanumanthe Gowda, Taranga Vishwas, and Girish Shivanna in key roles. It has music composed by Joel Sakari and Franklin Rocky, and cinematography by Gautam Nayak.

It's a wrap for live-action *Moana* film

CE FEATURES

PRODUCTION on Disney's live-action adaptation of *Moana* (2016) has been wrapped. The film was announced a year ago, and its production began on July 29 this year. The lead cast includes Catherine Laga'aia as the titular *Moana* and Dwayne Johnson as Maui, a role he played in the two animation *Moana* films.

Thomas Kail directed the film from a script by Dana Ledoux Miller and Jared Bush. The film also stars John Tui (Chief Tui), Rena Owen (Gramma Tala), and Frankie Adams (Sina)—a different set of cast from the 2016 animation film.

Johnson produces the film alongside his Seven Bucks Productions partners Dany Garcia and Hiram Garcia. Auli'i Cravalho, the voice of *Moana* in the 2016 film, serves as an executive producer, alongside Scott Sheldon of Flynn Picture Co.

The 2016 film tells the story of the titular Disney princess's journey of self-reflection and discovery, as well as her friendship with exiled demigod Maui.

Moana is slated for a July 10, 2026, release through Walt Disney Studios in theatres worldwide.